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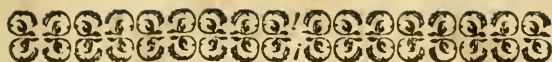
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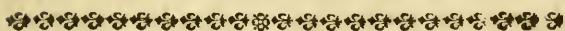
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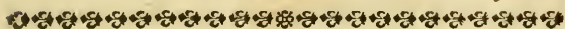


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O F

The WARS in ITALY.



BOOK VII. *ending p. 185*



T H E C O N T E N T S.

*The Pope endeavours to get Possession of Romagna, and for this Purpose stirs up several Princes against the Venetians. Maximilian inconsiderately attempts to force his Way into Italy. His ill Success in Friuli. The Pope makes himself Master of several Towns to which the Church had a Right. The King of Spain comes into Italy. The Plot at Ferrara. Tumults in Genoa. The Diet of Constance. A Congress between the Kings of France and Aragon at Savona.*



THE Publick had Reason to expect that the Year 1705, having put an End to the Wars, occasioned by the different Claimants to the

A. D.

1505.

Reasons  
for Peace  
in Italy,

A. D. <sup>1505.</sup> Kingdom of *Naples, Italy* would now enjoy Peace and Tranquillity: But there soon appeared plenty of Sparks that threatened a new Combustion. For *Philip*, who had taken upon him the Title of King of *Castile*, being dissatisfied that his Father-in-law should retain the Government of his Kingdom, was preparing, at the Invitation of several of the Nobility, sorely against the Inclination of *Ferdinando*, for his Journey into *Spain*. He pretended, and indeed with Reason, that it had not been in the Power of the late Queen to enact Laws concerning the Government, that should be obligatory after her Decease. And the King of the *Romans*, presuming on his Son's Greatness, designed to make a Progress into *Italy*.

as also for  
War.

THE King of *France*, in the preceding Year, had been highly dissatisfied with the Pope, for conferring, without his Participation, all the Benefices which became vacant by the Death of Cardinal *Ascanio*, and other Ecclesiastics in the Dutchy of *Milan*; and because in a late Promotion of Cardinals, paying no Regard

to

to his earnest Sollicitation, he had refused A. D.  
to confer that Dignity on the Bishop of 1505.  
*Aus \**, the Cardinal of *Rouen*'s Nephew,  
and on the Bishop of *Bajeux*, Nephew to  
*Tremouille*; and out of Resentment had  
put under Sequestration all the Revenues  
of those numerous Benefices, that the  
Cardinal of *San Piero in Vincola*, and  
several other Prelates, Favourites of the  
Pope, enjoyed in the Dutchy of *Milan*.  
But being now under terrible Apprehen-  
sions from the Power of the King of the  
*Romans* and his Son, he was desirous of  
ingratiating himself with his Holiness.  
He therefore took off all the Sequestrations,  
and in the beginning of this Year sent to 1506.  
*Rome* the Bishop of *Sisteron*, who was the  
Apostolic Nuntio at his Court, to make  
various Proposals, amongst the rest offer-  
ing his Alliance against the *Venetians*, who,  
he knew, were very obnoxious to his  
Holiness, on account of the Cities they  
possessed in *Romagna*, which he was  
passionately desirous of recovering.

JULIUS hitherto had governed with so  
much Tranquillity and Moderation, that

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the

\* In some Editions *Achx*.

*A. D.* 1506. the Minds of the People were full of Ad-  
 miration at his Behaviour, and could not  
 comprehend that a Pope, who when  
 Cardinal was full of nothing but vast  
 Projects, and deep Designs, and who in  
 the Times of his Predecessors *Sixtus*, *In-*  
*nocent*, and *Alexander*, was reckoned to  
 have a chief Hand in fomenting all the  
 Disturbances of *Italy*, should now, since  
 his Exaltation to the Popedom, a Station  
 too often attended with ambitious and rest-  
 less Desires, appear to have quite divested  
 himself of that Ardour of Spirit, and to  
 have sunk below that Greatness of Mind,  
 of which he had always the Vanity to  
 boast, and become so unlike himself, as  
 tamely to suffer Injuries without shewing  
 the least Resentment.

*Julius*  
 alters his  
 Conduct.

BUT *Julius* was not in the least al-  
 tered; on the contrary, he was determined,  
 in a proper Time, to exceed the Expecta-  
 tions that had been raised of him. His  
 former generous and expensive Way of  
 living, had been turned into an eager  
 Desire of accumulating Money, which  
 he



he knew to be the Sinews of War, and which, whenever he should be engaged in one, would enable him to maintain it ; and having by this Time amassed a considerable Sum, he began to discover that he had Thoughts and Views of the largest Extent. He received and hearkened to the Bishop of *Sisteron* with abundance of Pleasure, and dispatched him back with proper Instructions for cementing a close Friendship with his most Christian Majesty ; and the better to dispose the King and Cardinal of *Rouen* to concur in his Measures, he sent a Brief by *Sisteron*, in which he promised the Cardinalship to the Bishops of *Aus* and *Bayeux* : Yet in the midst of this mighty Ardor, his Mind was sometimes agitated with Scruples and Difficulties, which proceeded from the Hatred he had conceived against the King of *France*, when, flying from the Persecution of *Alexander*, he retired into that Kingdom ; neither did he relish the Force, which, in a manner, was put upon him, to continue *Rouen* in the Legation of the Kingdom of *France* ; sometimes he feared that the Cardinal, who passionately aimed

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*A. D.*  
1506. at the Popedom, would not have Patience to wait for his Death, but might try, by some extraordinary Means, to compass his Design. These Reflections rendered him sometimes doubtful, whether he should unite with *France*; tho' he was sensible, that, without this Conjunction, he was not, as yet, capable of undertaking any thing of Moment. Whilst he was thus unresolved, he sent to *Pisaone Biascia*, a *Genoese*, who was Captain of his Gallies, with Orders to arm there two light Gallies, which had been built by *Alexander*; with a View, as it was thought, to be in Readiness, if the King of *France* died, who seemed to be in a bad State of Health since his last Sickness, to free *Genoa* from the Dominion of the *French*.

WHILST the State of Affairs was in this Suspense, the Year 1506 began with King *Philip's* Departure from the *Low-Countries* with a powerful Fleet for *Spain*\*. That

\* He embarked the 10th of *January* with Fifty Sail, which had Four Hundred *Flemish* Gentlemen on board, Two Thousand Five Hundred *Germans*, Three Hundred *Flemings*, and Three Hundred *Swiss* Halberdiers. *Buch.*



That Prince fearing his Father-in-law might, with the Assistance of *France*, obstruct his Designs, made use of *Spanish* Dissimulation to deceive him. For he promised to leave in a manner the whole Direction of the Government to *Ferdinando*, and agreed that both should retain the Title of King of *Spain*, in the same manner as he and his deceased Queen had done ; and that the Money arising from the Finances should be divided in a certain Proportion between them. By Virtue of this Agreement *Ferdinando*, tho' he had no Security for the Performance of the Articles, sent a large Fleet into *Flanders*, to convey *Philip* into *Spain* ; on which he embarked, being accompanied by his Wife, and *Ferdinando* his second Son, and set Sail with a fair Wind for *Spain*. After two Days sailing a violent Storm arose, and dispersed the whole Fleet on the Coasts of *Bretany*, and *England*. The King, with two or three Ships, after running a great Risque of being cast away, landed at the Port of *Antona* \*. *Henry VII*, King of *England*, sent a great Retinue of Lords

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*Philip* embarks for *Spain*.

Is cast on the *English* Coast.

\* *Southampton*.

*A. D.* Lords and Gentlemen to compliment him,  
 1506. and to invite him to *London*. As *Philip*,

Goes to  
*London*.

Signs a  
 Treaty  
 with *Henry*  
 VII.

deprived of his Fleet, was not in a Condition to act as he pleased, he complied with *Henry's* Request, and staid with him till his Fleet was collected ; and while it was refitting, a new Treaty was concluded and signed by the two Kings. *Philip* was treated as a Sovereign in all Respects excepting one, in which he was used like a Prisoner, *Henry* extorting from him a Promise to deliver up to him the Earl of *Suffolk*, who had taken Refuge in the *Low-Countries*, and was then in the Castle of *Namur*. As this Earl laid Claim to the Crown of *England*, *Henry* was greatly desirous of having him in his Power, but gave his Word, that his Life should be spared. He was accordingly sent to *England*, and put in Prison, where he lived to the Death of *Henry VII*, but was afterwards beheaded by his Son *Henry VIII*.

*Philip* received  
 joyfully in  
*Spain*.

*PHILIP* had a better Passage from *England* into *Spain*, where, on his Arrival, almost all the *Grandeess* resorted to him. *Ferdinando*, who knew he had not a  
 suffi-

sufficient Force to oppose his Son-in-law, *A. D.*  
 and did not think it safe to rely on *French* <sup>1506.</sup>  
*Promises*, had depended wholly on his  
 late Agreement with *Philip*; but when  
 the Articles of that Treaty were scorn-  
 fully rejected, he saw himself generally  
 abandoned, and it was with great Difficulty  
 he could be admitted to the Presence  
 of his Son-in-law; wherefore he found  
 himself obliged to submit to whatever  
 Conditions should be prescribed him by  
*Philip*, who being a Prince of a mild and  
 generous Temper, would not use his  
 Power with Rigour, nor take all the Ad-  
 vantages that offered, especially as the  
 old King's greatest Enemies now pleaded  
 for him; which they did in order to  
 hasten his Departure out of *Castile*; for  
 they began to fear that *Ferdinando*, by his  
 Prudence and Authority, would gain too  
 much on their Sovereign.

It was then stipulated, that *Ferdi-* Treaty  
*nando*, relinquishing the Government he between  
 had taken Possession of by Virtue of the *Philip* and  
 Will of the late Queen, together with all *Ferdinan-*  
 do.  
 that he could pretend to on that Account,  
 should

*A. D.* 1506. *should retire instantly out of Castile, and promise never to return : That Ferdinando should retain the Kingdom of Naples ; tho' there were not wanting those who endeavoured, and with good Reason, to make Philip sensible, that he himself had a better Right to that Kingdom, which had been acquired by the Arms and Power of Castile. Ferdinando was allowed to enjoy the Revenues of the West-Indies during his Life, together with the three Lordships of San Jacopo, Alcantara, and Calatrava, and receive annually a Pension of Twenty-five Thousand Ducats out of the Revenues of Castile.*

*Ferdinando returns into his Kingdom of Aragon.*

AFTER the signing of this Treaty, *Ferdinando*, whom, for the future, we shall call the King of *Aragon*, or the Catholic King, returned immediately to his Kingdom of *Aragon*, with a Design to pass with all Speed by Sea to *Naples* \* ; not so much out of a Curiosity to see that Kingdom, and put it in good Order, as to remove the Great Captain, whom he had

\* He set Sail from *Barcelona* on Sept. 4, 1506, with a Fleet of Fifty Vessels. *Buon.*

had very much suspected, since the Queen's <sup>A. D.</sup> Death, to be meditating how to make <sup>1506.</sup> himself Sovereign of that Country, or, at least, that he was inclined to deliver it up to *Philip* rather than to himself; for he had in vain ordered him to return to *Spain*, and he ever deferred it under various and frivolous Pretences; which made the King very doubtful whether he should be able to compel him to quit that Government. unless he went thither in Person; though King *Philip*, after the Capitulation, had given him Notice, that he expected he should pay all Obedience to the King of *Aragon*.

THE King of *France*, by this time, in a great measure recovered from his late Indisposition, was agitated by various perplexing Thoughts, and in doubt whether he should turn his Arms against the *Venetians*. The Conduct of that Republic, in the *Neapolitan* War, had highly provoked him; he had also a mighty Desire to recover the antient Appendages of the State of *Milan*\*; besides which, he

was

\* These were *Cremona* and the *Ghiaradadda*, which were



*A. D.* 1506. was apprehensive that their Power might, at one time or other, be prejudicial to his Interests. These, among others, were the Reasons that had induced him to enter into an Alliance with the King of the *Romans*, and his Son *Philip*. But, on the other Hand, the Advice he had received, that *Maximilian* was preparing to march into *Italy* at the Head of a powerful Army, was very disagreeable to him ; for he grew very jealous of *Philip*, who inherited such vast Dominions, and who, he feared, had, when in *England*, entered into some new and strong Engagements with the King of that Country. He also considered, that by the Peace he had concluded with the Catholic King, he had given over all Thoughts of acquiring the Kingdom of *Naples*, which had been the principal Reason for his entering into an Alliance with the House of *Austria*.

WHILE *Lewis* was fluctuating in this Variety of Thoughts, Ambassadors from *Maxi-*

were dismembered from the *Milanesse*, and yielded to the *Venetians* by Treaty ; or perhaps the Author might intend also *Bergamo*, *Brescia*, *Crema*, &c. which antiently appertained to the Dukedom of *Milan*.

*Maximilian* arrived at his Court, to notify to his Majesty their Master's Resolution of passing into *Italy*, demanding, at the same time, that he would get in Readiness the Five Hundred Lances according to Engagement ; would give Orders for the Restoration of the *Milanese* Exiles, and desired also that the Payment of the Sums, which in a few Months would become due, might be anticipated.

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*Maximilian* notifies to *Lewis* his Resolution of passing into *Italy*,

THE King, tho' he did not intend to comply with these Demands, yet he amused the Ambassadors with fair Speeches, and told them that he was ready to observe all that had been stipulated, at the appointed Times ; but that, for cogent Reasons, it was not convenient for him to advance the Money before the Time limited was expired.

MAXIMILIAN, who was equally distrustful of the King of *France*, and passionately desirous of taking a Progress to *Rome*, principally for the sake of receiving the Imperial Crown, that he might afterwards get his Son elected King

*A. D.* King of the *Romans*, was taking, at the  
 1506. same time, other Methods to compass his  
 Ends, and had sent into *Swisserland* to  
 negotiate an Alliance with the *Helvetick*  
 Body. But they, after several Consulta-  
 tions, returned for Answer, That they  
 were determined to adhere strictly to the  
 Alliance which they had contracted with  
*France*, that would not expire for Two  
 Years. He had also demanded of the  
*Venetians* a Passage thro' their Territories :  
 But they, relying on the fresh Assurances  
 which they had received from *France*,  
 satisfied themselves with returning general  
 Answers, being jealous of his marching  
 through their Dominions with a powerful  
 Army.

*Lewis* now determined to break his  
 marries his Confederacy with *Maximilian* and his Son,  
 Daughter married his Daughter *Claude* to *Francis*  
*Claude* to Prince d' married his Daughter *Claude* to *Francis*  
*Angou-* d' *Angoulesme*, to whom, in case he died  
*lesme.* without Male Issue, the Crown would  
 devolve. This Match, however, had the  
 Appearance of being made in condescen-  
 sion to the Prayers of his Subjects ; for  
 he procured Addresses from all the Par-  
 liaments



liaments and principal Cities in the Kingdom, wherein they represented the Necessity of such a Match, as it would greatly contribute to the Welfare of the Kingdom, especially as the Expectations of his Majesty's being blessed with male Issue every Day decreased. *Lewis* took care, at the same time, to dispatch Ambassadors to *Philip*, to excuse this Step which he had been obliged to take in compliment of the Instances of the whole Body of his Subjects. He also sent Assistance to the Duke of *Guelder*, in order to divert *Maximilian* from his Journey into *Italy*. But that Prince had already put off his Expedition, on account of the dangerous Sicknefs of *Uladislaus*, King of *Hungary*; for, being willing to assert his Father's, as well as his own Pretensions to that Kingdom, he would not be absent on such an Occasion, but hovered on the Borders of that Country. The Grounds for his Claim were as follows.

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MANY Years had passed since the Decease of *Uladislaus*, King of *Hungary*  
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*A. D.* and *Bohemia*. He was Son to *Albert*, the  
 1506. Emperor *Frederick's* Brother; and dying  
 without Issue, the *Hungarians* asserting  
*Maximi-* his nearest a-Kin had no sort of Right  
*lian's* Pre- to their Kingdom, assumed to themselves  
*tenfions* to the Right of Election, and chose *Mat-*  
*Hungary.* *thias*, out of Respect to the Merits of his  
 Father: This *Matthias* rendered his Name  
 famous for having, in frequent Expedi-  
 tions, and with the Force of so small a  
 Kingdom, carried War and Desolation far  
 within the Borders of the most powerful  
 Empire of the *Turks*. At his coming to  
 the Crown, to avoid all Disputes and  
 Differences with *Frederick*, he entered  
 into Articles, by which he obliged himself  
 not to marry, and that, after his Death,  
 the Crown should descend to *Frederick*,  
 or his Heirs male. *Matthias* did not  
 observe this Convention; he died, how-  
 ever, without Issue; neither did *Frederick*  
 obtain his Ends, for the *Hungarians*  
 chose *Uladißlaus*, King of *Poland*, for  
 their Sovereign: Whereupon *Frederick*  
 and *Maximilian* declared War against  
 them; but at last it was agreed, That  
 whenever *Uladißlaus* should die without  
 Issue,

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Issue, they would acknowledge *Maximilian* for their King ; to the Performance of which the Nobility obliged themselves by Oath. This was the Motive that induced *Maximilian*, on Advice of the Sickness of *Uladislaus*, to approach the Frontiers of *Hungary*, and to lay aside, for the present, the Thoughts of his *Italian* Expedition.

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WHILST the Ultramontane Princes were thus employed, the Pope, finding himself unable to undertake any thing of Moment, with his own Strength, against the *Venetians*; and observing with Regret so much Time of his Pontificate pass away without any memorable Action, requested the King of *France* to assist him in reducing the Cities of *Bologna* and *Perugia*, which were antient Appendages of the Church, and now in Subjection to Tyrants ; the first to *Giovanni Bentivoglio*, and the other to *Gianpagolo Baglione*, whose Ancestors, in the Time of the Civil Wars, from private Citizens, first became Heads of Factions, and then by the Banishment or Destruction of the

*Bologna*  
and *Perugia* part  
of the  
Eccle-  
siastical  
State.

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1506.  Chiefs of their Adversaries, usurped an absolute Power ; some Measures, which they were under a Necessity of keeping with the Popes, was the only Restraint that withheld them from assuming the Title of lawful Princes. For the Pontiffs, in both these Cities, retained little more than the bare Name of Dominion ; and tho' they received a small Portion of the Revenues, and appointed Governors in the Name of the Church, yet the Power of the Magistracy, and the Management of public Affairs remaining in the Hands of the Tyrants, these Governors were a meer Cypher, and served more for Show than for any other Purpose.

THE City of *Perugia*, as being nearer *Rome*, or for some other Reason, had continued much longer at Times under the papal Jurisdiction ; but *Bologna*, in the troublesome Times of the Pontiffs, suffered various Revolutions. It had once the Form of a Republic ; then was governed by some powerful Citizen, or by some foreign Prince ; then again was in absolute Subjection to the Popes ; and lastly, in  
the

the Pontificate of *Nicolas V*, it returned A. D.  
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under the absolute Dominion of the holy See, but under certain Limitations, and with a Communication of Authority between the Popes and the *Bentivogli*; so that in process of Time the Name and Shew of Sovereignty remained indeed in the Popes, but the Power and Authority were in the Hands of that Family. *Giovanni*, the present Ruler, by gradually depressing the powerful Families that had opposed the increasing Grandeur of his Ancestors and his own, had established an absolute Tyranny. But the Insolence and Prodigality of his four Sons rendered them insupportable; and he himself was become odious in his own Person, for want of Clemency and Good-nature. For imagining that the best Means to preserve his Authority was by the Sword, and Rigour, rather than by Gentleness and Mercy, he chose the most tyrannical Method of governing.

THE principal Motive that animated the Pope in his Design upon these two Cities, was his Thirst after Glory; but cloaking his Ambition under the Name

Ambition  
the Pope's  
principal  
Passion.



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of Piety and Zeal, he pretended to have no other View than to restore to the Apostolic See whatever had been usurped from it. He was particularly bent on the Recovery of *Bologna*, from a private Pique he had conceived against *Giovanni Bentivoglio*, the Occasion of which was this: During his Persecution under Pope *Alexander*, he durst not trust himself at *Rome*, but retired to *Cento*, a Place in his Bishoprick in the *Bolognese*, from whence he was forced to fly, being alarmed one Night, on Notice that was given him, whether true or false is uncertain, that *Bentivoglio*, at the Instances of the Pope, had given Orders to put him under Confinement.

Lewis  
closes  
with the  
Pope's  
Proposal.

THE King of *France*, considering it was his Interest to have the Pope his Friend, was mightily pleased with his present Request; for he was sensible that his Holiness had been highly dissatisfied at the League he had made with the *Venetians*, which, he doubted, might induce him to enter upon some precipitate Measures. He was also not without  
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Suspicious that the Plot formed by *Ottaviano Fregoso* to deprive him of the Sovereignty of *Genoa*, was with the Pope's Privy and Consent. To all which it may be added, that the King thought he had Reason to believe that *Bentivoglio*, tho' under his Protection, was better affected to *Maximilian* than to himself. He was besides piqued against *Gianpagolo Baglione*, for refusing to join his Army on the *Garigliano*, after he had received Fourteen Thousand Ducats on that Account ; and was also desirous of punishing *Pandolfo Petrucci*, for refusing when he sent Forces into *Tuscany*, to pay the Money for which he was engaged, and for his Attachment to the *Spaniards*.

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ON these Considerations, *Lewis* promised the Pope his immediate Assistance ; and *Julius*, in requital, expedited the Briefs for conferring the Dignity of Cardinal on the Bishops of *Aus* and *Bayeux*, and gave his Majesty the Liberty to dispose of the Benefices in the Dutchy of *Milan*, in the same Manner as had been practised by *Francesco Sforza*. The Bishop of *Sisteron*

Treaty  
between  
the Pope  
and K. of  
*France*.

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1506. } was promoted to the Archbishoprick of *Aix*, in reward for the Pains he had taken in negotiating this Treaty, which cost him several Journeys to and fro between *Rome* and *Paris*, before he could bring it to Perfection. The Execution of it, however, was not so speedy as was expected, because the Pope had deferred, for some Months, the Prosecution of his intended Enterprize.

*Maximilian* desires of the *Venetians* a Passage for his Army.

*MAXIMILIAN*, who had declared War against the King of *Hungary* \*, and on that account laid aside his Design of passing into *Italy*, having now concluded a Peace, and settled the Succession of that Kingdom by a new Agreement, was returned into *Austria*, totally employed in making such Preparations, as plainly indicated his Intentions of resuming his former Project. He well knew how greatly it would conduce to the Accomplishment of his Ends to have the *Venetians* his Friends. For this Purpose he sent

\* *Maximilian* declared War against the King of *Hungary* and *Bohemia*, because he had assisted the Count Palatine against him, and had newly entered into a Rebellion against the Empire.



sent Four Ambassadors to inform them of his Intentions of going to *Rome* to be crowned, and to demand a free Passage for his Army, offering to give any Security for their good Behaviour, and peaceable Demeanour, in passing through their States; and at the same Time to intimate their Master's Desire of entering into an Alliance with the Republic, as such an Union would not only tend to their mutual Security; but to the Increase and Prosperity of both; by which he meant to insinuate, that it would be for their common Interest to enter into a Confederacy against the King of *France*.

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AFTER several Consultations, the Ambassadors had this civil Answer returned them, That the Republick was infinitely desirous of preserving a Harmony with *Maximilian*, and coveted nothing more than to gratify him in any thing that did not manifestly tend to its Disadvantage, as would evidently be the Case should they comply with his present Demand. For the *Italians*, lately harrassed by so many Calamities, would be terribly alarmed at the

Which  
they re-  
fuse to  
grant.

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the Apprehensions of *Maximilian's* entering their Country with a great Army, and were all determined to take up Arms to put an immediate Stop to any fresh Broils even at first Appearance; and that the King of *France* was of the same Opinion, in order to preserve the Dutchy of *Milan*. For this Reason his coming armed into *Italy* could produce nothing but a strong Opposition, which would prove of dangerous Consequence to their Republic; since all the *Italian* Powers, in conjunction with the King of *France*, would fall upon them, in Resentment for granting him the Passage he demanded, and for preferring their private Interest to the Good of the Public. They represented farther, that it would be more to his Honour, and carry a more friendly Aspect, if he came unarmed. And such a Conduct would give entire Satisfaction to all People; who, pleased to see the Power of the Empire exercised with such Mildness, would load him with their Blessings, and he would then be called the glorious Preserver of the Peace of *Italy*; that by acting thus, he would imitate his Father  
and

and several of his Predecessors, who went A. D. 1506. to *Rome* unarmed to receive the Imperial Crown ; if he proceeded in that manner, the Senate promised all the Respect and good Offices he could require of them\*.

THESE warlike Preparations, and The Pope resolves to attack Bologna and Perugia. *Maximilian's* negotiating with the *Venetians*, determined the Pope to lose no more Time ; and being resolved to begin with *Bologna*, he demanded of the King of *France* the stipulated Supplies. *Lewis*, however, thought such Movements dangerous at this Juncture, as tending to involve all *Italy* in a War ; and therefore endeavoured, in the most friendly manner, to persuade the Pope to desist, at present, from such Attempts, which he had Reason to fear would disgust the *Venetians* ; since they had declared they would take up Arms in Defence of *Bologna*, if the Pope did not first make over to them all the Claim he might have to *Faenza*, in right of the Church. But *Julius* was rash, and impatient of Contradiction, nor could

\* *Bembo* relates the same Answer, but says that *Maximilian* sent only Three Ambassadors.

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1506. { could any Difficulties deter him from a Pursuit, on which he had oncc resolved. Without more ado, then, he convoked a Consistory, and laid before the Cardinals the Justice of his Cause, setting forth how necessary it was to free from Tyranny two such eminent and important Members of the holy See, as *Bologna* and *Perugia*. He assured them he would go in Person on this Enterprize, and informed them of the Assistance he was to receive from the King of *France*, from the *Florentines*, and several other Princes in *Italy*; adding, that the just God, Lord of all, would not abandon the Care of his Church.

*Lewis*  
disavows  
*Julius's*  
Proceed-  
ings.      W H E N the News of these Proceedings arrived at the *French* Court, the King thought it so ridiculous for *Julius* to presume to mention his Name, and his Forces, before he had given them any Orders to march, that, laughing at Table, and alluding to the Pope's immoderate Love of Wine, he said, " Certainly his Holiness must have been in Liquor over Night, when he solemnly declared what  
must

must oblige me either to fall out with him, *A. D.*  
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or, contrary to my Inclinations, countenance his impolitic Undertaking.

THE Pope, however, without waiting *The Pope*  
*sets out for*  
*Bologna.* for an Answer \*, set out from *Rome* at the Head of Four Hundred Men at Arms, and sent forwards *Antonio del Monte* to *Bologna*, to give Notice of his Approach, and to command the Magistrates to prepare for his Reception in that Town, and Quarters for Five Hundred *French* Lances in their Territory. He made but slow Marches, intending to go no farther than *Perugia*, unless he should hear that the *French* Succours were in Motion.

GIANPAGOLO BAGLIONE thought himself lost; but by the Persuasions of the Duke of *Urbino*, and all his Friends, he, under their Guaranty, met the Pope at *Orvieto*, and submitting himself entirely to his Pleasure, was received into Favour, and agreed to accompany his Holiness

\* The Pope left *Rome* the 27th of *August*, accompanied by Twenty-four Cardinals, and Four Hundred Men at Arms. *Buon.*



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Holiness with One Hundred and Fifty Lances; he likewise consented to put the Fortresses of the City, those of the Territory, and the Guard of the City into his Hands. When these Articles were signed, *Gianpagolo* delivered his Sons to the Duke of *Urbino*, to be kept as Hostages; upon which the Pope made his Entry into *Perugia* without an armed Force; so that *Baglione* had it in his Power to make him and all his Court Prisoners, which he would not have scrupled to have done, had he been Master of the same Resolution in an Affair that must have made so great Noise in the World, as he had perfidiously shewn in Matters of less Importance.

*Lewis* re-  
fuses to  
send Assist-  
ance to  
the Pope.

DURING the Pope's Stay at *Perugia* he gave an Audience to the Cardinal of *Narbonne*, who was commissioned by the King of *France*, to advise his Holiness to defer his Undertaking against *Bologna* till a more proper Juncture offered, and to make his Majesty's Excuses, who, tho' desirous of sending him Assistance, could not, at present, think of lessening his

his Forces in the *Milanese*, on account of the Jealousies he entertained of the Motions of the King of the *Romans*.

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*Julius* was greatly chagrined at such a Message, yet, without altering his Resolution, set about levying Men, and making all manner of warlike Preparations. Those, however, who considered the Difficulty of the Enterprize, and knew that the Pope was not of an implacable Temper, where he was trusted, were of Opinion, that if *Bentivoglio*, who by Ambassadors had already offered to send him all his Four Sons, could but have prevailed on himself to wait on his Holiness in Person, after the Example of *Gianpagolo*, he might have obtained tolerable Conditions. But whilst he was unresolved, or, as some will have it, was kept in Suspense by the Dissuasions of his Wife, he received Advice that the King of *France* had ordered *Chaumont* to march in Person with Five Hundred Lances to the Pope's Assistance. For tho' the King, during the Cardinal of *Rouen*'s Absence from Court, was inclined not to send them, yet that Prelate, on his Return, advised him

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*Lewis*  
prevailed  
on to send  
Succours  
to the  
Pope.

him to the contrary, and having made him sensible how highly provoking and injurious it must be to the Pope to deny him what he had not only promised, but even pressed him to accept of, he altered his Resolution. *Lewis* was now also the more encouraged to gratify the Pope, because *Maximilian*, according to Custom, began to grow cool in his Motions. The Pope, to make the King some Amends, was pleased to promise him, tho' not in Writing, but by bare Word of Mouth, that he would never fall out with the *Venetians* on account of the Towns they held in *Romagna*. To shew, however, that the Desire of recovering those Towns was fixed in his Mind, when he continued his Progress from *Perugia* to *Cesena*, he took the Way of the Mountains, avoiding the direct Road by the Plains, because it would have carried him thro' *Rimini*, which was detained from him by the *Venetians*. While he was at *Cesena* he issued out a public Admonition to *Bentivoglio*, ordering him, under Penalty of the most grievous Censures, with Pains spiritual and temporal, to depart out of *Bologna* ;



*Bologna*; which Censures were to extend to all his Adherents, and to those who should hold any Correspondence with him.

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AT *Cesena* *Julius* received the News of *Chaumont's* March with Six Hundred Lances and Three Thousand Foot, which were to be paid by the Apostolical Chamber. On this he was much revived, and set forward without Delay; but to avoid the Territory of *Faenza*, for the same Reason he had avoided *Rimini*, he took the Way of the Mountains, tho' difficult and incommodious, through those Towns beyond the *Apennines* that belong to the *Florentines*, and got to *Imola*, the Place appointed for the Rendezvous of his Army; which, besides a good Body of Infantry, consisted of Four Hundred Men at Arms in his own Pay, One Hundred and Fifty brought by *Baglione*, One Hundred more sent by the *Florentines* under *Marco Antonio Colonna*, and One Hundred by the Duke of *Ferrara*, besides a Number of *Stradiotti*, raised in the Kingdom of *Naples*, and Two Hundred light Horse brought

*Julius*  
marches  
towards  
*Bologna*.

*A. D.* by the Marquis of *Mantoua*, who was  
*1506.* declared Lieutenant-General of the Army.

ON the other hand, the *Bentivogli* had made extraordinary Preparations in *Bologna*, in hopes that if the *French* would not defend them, they would, at least, not act offensively against them. For on their applying to the King for Succour, as Persons under his Protection, they received in answer, that his Majesty could not allow himself to oppose the Pope's Undertaking by Force of Arms, but would take Care not to assist him with Men or warlike Stores; and they imagined they were strong enough to defend themselves against the Ecclesiastical Army. But they were deprived of all their Hopes at once by the Arrival of *Chaumont*, who, tho' he had given different Answers to their Deputies, while he was on his March, yet after his Arrival at *Castel Franco* in the *Bolognese*, which was the same Day that the Marquis of *Mantoua* took possession of *Castel San Piero*, he sent a Message to *Giovanni Bentivoglio* to acquaint him, that the King his Master, intending punctually

punctually to fulfil all Engagements which he had contracted, by taking his Family into the Royal protection, would take care they should enjoy their Estates, and if, within Three Days, he gave up the Government of *Bologna* into the Hands of the Church, and received the Pope's Commands with due Obedience, he might enjoy all that he possessed, and have Liberty, with his Children, to reside in *Bologna*. At this Message, *Bentivoglio* and his Sons, who had publicly boasted and threatened, that they would stand upon their Defence, were dejected and lost their Spirits, and, quite forgetful of the Reproaches they had cast on *Piero de' Medici* for quitting *Florence* without drawing Blood, humbly answered, That they were willing to refer their Cause to his Arbitration, begging that he would be their Mediator, for procuring them at least some tolerable Conditions.

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*Chaumont*  
insists on  
the *Bentivogli's*  
giving up  
the Government.

CHAUMONT, who was advanced as far as the Bridge of *Reno*, Three Miles from *Bologna*, undertook to intercede with the Pope, and obtained " That

*Chaumont*  
makes a  
Treaty  
with the  
Pope for  
the *Bentivogli's*.

*A. D.* *Giovanni Bentivoglio*, with his Wife  
*1506.* *Ginevra Sforza*, and their Children, might  
safely retire from *Bologna*, and settle in  
any Part of the Dutchy of *Milan*: That  
they should have the Liberty to sell or  
carry with them all their Moveables, and  
enjoy the Income of all the Estates to  
which they had a just Title". As soon  
as this Treaty was concluded, the *Bentivogli*  
quitted *Bologna*, and on their paying  
Twelve Thousand Ducats to *Chaumont*,  
he gave them an ample Pass, with a  
Paper in his own Hand Writing, in which  
he obliged himself to render effectual as  
much as was contained in the King's  
Protection, and promised them a safe Habitation  
in the State of *Milan*.

The *Bentivogli*  
quit *Bologna*.

As soon as the *Bentivogli* were departed the People of *Bologna* sent Deputies to the Pope, with a voluntary Surrender of their City, desiring only an Absolution from the Censures they had incurred, and that the *French* might not be permitted to enter the Town. But those Troops, unwilling to be tied by Articles, had advanced to the Walls, and were forcing an

an Entrance, but meeting with Resistance from the People, they took up their Lodgings between the Two Gates of *San Felice* and *Saragozza*, on the Canal formed by the *Reno*, which passing through *Bologna* is navigable towards *Ferrara*. The *French* were not apprised that the *Bolognese* had it in their Power, by opening a Sluice, at the Place where the Canal enters the City, to lay the Country under Water ; this being done, the *French* found themselves obliged to dislodge, and leave behind great Part of their Carriages, and their Artillery, which had sunk deep in the Mud, and retired in great Disorder to the Bridge on the *Reno*, where they tarried till the Pope made his Entry into *Bologna*, which was performed on *St. Martin's* Day with great Pomp, and attended with all the pontifical Ceremonies observed on the like Occasions.

IN this manner the City of *Bologna*, to the unspeakable Happiness of those People, returned once more under the Dominion of the Church : A City, for the Number of its Inhabitants, for the



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Fertility of its Territory, and for the Happiness of its Situation, justly ranked amongst the most celebrated Cities of *Italy*. Though the Pope, in settling the Government of *Bologna*, having constituted new Magistrates according to the Model of the old Establishment, had preserved, in many Cases, some Shew and Appearance of Liberty, yet, in effect, he brought all Things in Subjection to the Holy See. He was, however, wonderfully liberal in granting Exemptions, which was his Practice in all the other Cities, in which his Design was to make the People fond of the Government of the Church.

CHAUMONT, after this, returned immediately into the Dutchy of *Milan*, having first received a Present from the Pope of Three Thousand Ducats for himself, and Ten Thousand for the Troops under his Command ; and also a Bull, confirming the Promise before made, of advancing the Bishop of *Albi* his Brother to the Purple. But as *Julius* was fully bent on attacking the *Venetians*, he refused,

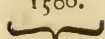


fused, for the present, to declare Cardinals the Bishops of *Aus* and *Bayeux*, A. D.  
1506. tho' he was much pressed to it, and had granted his Briefs for that Purpose ; by delaying their Promotion, he designed to quicken the King and the Cardinal of *Rouen*, and make them more ready to send him Supplies.

THE King of *Aragon*, about this time, began his Voyage for *Italy*. Before he embarked at *Barcelona*, he received an Express from the Great Captain with Professions of his Loyalty, and Readiness to receive his Majesty, and to pay him Homage ; on which the King not only confirmed him in the Dukedom of *St. Angelo*, which had been granted him by *Federigo*, but also in the Possession of all the Estates he had acquired in the Kingdom of *Naples*, to the yearly Value of above Twenty Thousand Ducats, and, besides continuing him in the Post of Great Constable of that Kingdom, gave him under his Hand a Promise of the Grandmastership of *St. Jago*.

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THE King, with his Queen, now embarked with more Satisfaction. Great Honours were paid them, by order of the King of *France*, in all the Ports of *Provence*; and at *Genoa*, where they landed, they were received with all the Professions of Esteem and Respect. Here *Ferdinando* was met by the Great Captain, to the Surprize of all the World; for it was the Opinion, not only of the Vulgar, but even of the Pope, that *Gonsalvo*, conscious of his former Disobedience, and of the Suspicions, which the King, perhaps not without Reason, had entertained against him, would not have ventured to appear in his Presence, but would have privately retired into *Spain* \*.

AFTER leaving *Genoa*, the King did not care to venture far out at Sea with his light Gallies, but kept near the Shore, and was detained by contrary Winds for several Days in *Portofino*, where he received the News of the Death of King *Philip*,

\* *Giovio* says that the Great Captain met his Majesty after he had passed Cape *Miseno*.

*Philip*, his Son-in-law ; a remarkable Instance of the Instability of Fortune, for he was a Prince of a very sound and robust Constitution, in the Flower of his Age, and at the Height of Felicity, yet, after a few Days Illness of a violent Fever in the City of *Burgos*, he was taken off. Many were of Opinion, that the Catholic King would instantly sail to *Barcelona*, in order to resume the Government of *Castile* ; but he prosecuted his first intended Voyage, and landed at *Gaeta* on the same Day that the Pope, in his Way to *Bologna*, made his Entrance into *Imola*. From *Gaeta* he was conducted to *Naples*, where the People, who were accustomed to the Sight of *Aragonian* Kings, received him with the greatest Magnificence and Honours, their Desires and Expectations being raised to the greatest Height ; every one flattering himself, that through the Assistance of a King so glorious for the Number of Victories he had obtained over *Turks* as well as Christians, so venerable for his Prudence, for which he was renowned all the World over, a Prince who had governed his Kingdoms with so much Justice

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*A. D.* and Tranquillity, the Kingdom of *Naples*,  
*1506.* after so many Troubles and Oppressions,  
would be reduced to a peaceable and happy  
State, and that he would procure the  
Restoration of those Maritime Towns,  
that, to the great Uneasiness of the whole  
Kingdom, were detained by the *Venetians*.

THERE appeared soon in *Naples* a  
Concourse of Ambassadors from all Parts  
of *Italy*, not only to congratulate and pay  
their Respects to so great a Prince, but  
also to consult him on Matters of State,  
each persuading himself, that with his  
Prudence and Authority, a Multitude of  
Disputes would be reduced into a proper  
Form and Order, and left to his Decision.  
The Pope, tho' dissatisfied with *Ferdi-*  
*nando* for not sending Ambassadors to pay  
him Homage, according to Custom, en-  
deavoured to incense him against the *Vene-*  
*tians*, in hopes that his Desire of recover-  
ing the Ports they possessed in the King-  
dom of *Naples*, might incline him to  
contribute to their Depression. The  
*Venetians* themselves were extremely solli-

solicitous to have him for their Friend. *A. D.*  
 The *Florentines*, and the other States of *Tuscany*, sent to treat with him, but each  
 with different Views, concerning the  
 Affairs of *Pisa*. *1506.*

THE *Pisans* were less molested this Year than usual, for the *Florentines* let them get in their Harvest undisturbed, either because they were tired with the Expence, or because they were taught, by the Experience of former Years, that such an Attempt would be ineffectual, since they knew that the *Genoese* and *Lucchese* had agreed together to contribute a certain Sum towards the Support of that City for a Twelvemonth. The first Promoter of that Agreement was *Pandolfo Petrucci*, who engaged that the *Senese* should pay their Proportion. But, on the other hand, with his usual Double-dealing, he revealed the Particulars of this Negotiation to the *Florentines*, and promising to separate himself from the rest, obtained of them a Prolongation of the Truce, which was not yet expired, with the *Senese* for Three Years ; but with an  
 express



*A. D.* 1506. *express* Condition, that neither *Pandolfo* nor the *Senese* should in any manner assist the *Pisans*. This served to excuse him from laying out any Money for them, tho' in other Matters he was never wanting to assist them with his Advice and Encouragement to the utmost of his Power.

Conspira-  
cy against  
the Duke  
of *Ferra-  
ra*.

THE barbarous and inhuman Fact committed the End of the last Year at *Ferrara*, was now succeeded by another equally horrid. *Ferdinando*, Brother of Duke *Alfonso*, and *Giulio*, who, at the Instigation of the Cardinal, had his Eyes turned out of their Places, but by the immediate and careful Attendance of skilful Surgeons, had them replaced without losing his Sight, entered into a Plot against the Life of the Duke. *Ferdinando*, being next in the Succession, aimed at getting Possession of the Dutchy, and *Giulio* imagined that *Alfonso* had not sufficiently resented the Injury done him, and that he had no other Means to revenge himself of the Cardinal. Count *Albertino Boschetto*, a Nobleman of *Modena*,



*dena*, was an Accomplice in the Conspiracy, and as they had corrupted some mean Fellows, who constantly attended *Alfonso*, in order to minister to his Pleasures, they had many a fair Opportunity of dispatching him with Ease. But, thro' a fatal Timidity, they always let slip the Occasion, and, as it almost constantly happens when the Execution of a Conspiracy is delayed, the Plot came to light, and *Ferdinando* and the other Conspirators were imprisoned. *Giulio*, at the Discovery, fled to *Mantoua* to his Sister, from whence he was, by Order of the Marquis, sent Prisoner to *Alfonso*, who first passed his Word that his Life should be saved. Count *Albertino* and the other Criminals were quartered, and the Brothers condemned to perpetual Imprisonment in the new Castle of *Ferrara*. \*

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WE ought not to pass over in Silence the Industry and Resolution of *Valentino*, who, about this Time, found Means to slide

\* *Giulio* continued in Prison all the Time of *Alfonso* and of *Ercole IV*, but was released by *Alfonso II*, and lived to the Year 1560.

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1506. } slide down by a Rope from the Castle of  
*Medina del Campo*, and fled into the  
Kingdom of *Navarra*, to King *John*, his  
Wife's Brother; where, that we may  
have no further Occasion to mention  
him, he remained some Years in a mean  
Condition, because the King of *France*  
had before confiscated the Dutchy of  
*Valentinois*, and stopt his Pension of  
Twenty Thousand Franks, which he had  
assigned him in lieu of the Revenue of  
that Dutchy, and would not suffer him  
to come into *France*, that he might not  
disoblige the King of *Arragon*. At last,  
attending the Troops of the King of *Na-*  
*varra* at the Siege of *Viana*, an obscure  
Castle in that Kingdom, in a Skirmish  
with the Enemy, who broke out of an  
Ambush, he was killed by a Blow from  
a Genneteer.

*Valentino*  
killed.

*Genoa* re-  
volts from  
the *French*. } AT the End of this Year, that the  
new one might not begin without some  
Materials for new Wars, the *Genoese* re-  
volted from their Obedience to the King  
of *France*, to which they were prompted  
by none but themselves, nor had their  
Desire

Desire of Rebellion any other Foundation A. D. 1506.  
 than what took its Rise from their civil  
 Broils, which transported them much  
 beyond what they had at first determined.

GENOA is a City built in a proper Factions  
 Situation for the Command of the Sea, in Genoa.  
 if so vast a Conveniency were not rendered  
 uselefs by the contagious Influence  
 of civil Discord. It is not, like many  
 other Cities of *Italy*, subject only to one  
 Division, but is divided into several Parties;  
 for there are yet some Reliques of the old  
 Contentions between the *Guelfs* and the  
*Ghibellines*. The Discord between the  
 Nobles and Commonalty, under which  
 many Cities in *Italy*, and particularly in  
*Tuscany*, have severely suffered, is at its  
 Height in *Genoa*. For the common People,  
 being by no means willing to support  
 the Pride of the Nobles, have restrained  
 their Power by many very severe and  
 rigorous Laws; among the rest is one that;  
 leaving them a proportionable Share in  
 almost all other Magistracies and Honours,  
 exclude them particularly from the  
 Dignity of Doge. That Office, which  
 is

*A. D.* is supreme above all others, is granted to  
 1506. the Person elected for Life; but, thro' the  
 Inconstancy of the Citizens, not one, perhaps, or very few, at least, have been permitted to enjoy that Place of Honour till Death. But there is another Division, no less powerful, between the *Adorni* and *Fregosi*, who, from popular Families, became *Capellacci* (so the *Genoese* call those who have raised themselves to a pitch of Grandeur) and contend together for the Dignity of Doge, which has for many Years continued almost without Interruption in one or other of the Two Families \*. For the Nobles of the *Guelf* and *Ghibelline* FaCTIONS, being prohibited by the Laws from obtaining that high Post for themselves, have endeavoured to get it conferred on Commons of their own Party; and the *Ghibellines* favouring the *Adorni*, and the *Guelfs* the *Fregosi*, they have, in process of Time, made these Two Houses more illustrious and more powerful than  
 that

\* These Families were called *Cappellacci*, but the Vulgar and Mechanics, who raised this Commotion, were called *Cappette*, because they were poor, and wore a shabby Cap. Bishop of *Nebbio*.

that Two, whose Name and Authority they formerly used to follow ; and these Divisions caused such Confusion, that frequently those who sided together against an opposite Party, fell into various Parties among themselves ; and, on the contrary, united in some Points with their own Party, and in others with the opposite. But in the Beginning of this Year great Disputes arose between the Nobles and the Commonalty, on occasion of the Insolence of some of the Nobles ; and generally meeting with evil disposed Minds on both Sides, private Contentions were soon converted into public Discord, which is the more easy to be kindled in a City, such as *Genoa* was at that time, vastly abounding in Riches. The Feuds and Animosities grew to such a Height, that the Populace made a Riot, and ran to Arms, killed one of the Family of *Doria*, and wounded some of the Nobles ; and obtained, more by Violence than by the Free Will of the Citizens, that in the public Councils, at which very few of the Nobility were present, it should be enacted the next Day, that the Places of

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Insurrection in that City.

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*A. D.* Trust, which before were equally divided  
*1506.* should, for the future, be conferred in  
the Proportion of two Thirds on the  
Commons, and the remaining Third on  
the Nobles. To this Resolution *Roccal-*  
*bertino*, who was appointed to take the  
Charge of the City in the Absence of  
*Philip de Ravestein*, Governor for the  
King, gave his Consent, for fear of greater  
Mischiefs in case of Refusal. The Peo-  
ple, however, were not quieted with this  
Concession, but in a few Days broke out  
into fresh Disorders, and plundered the  
Houses of the Noblemen, for which  
Reason, the greatest Part of the Nobility,  
not thinking themselves secure in their  
own Country, withdrew from *Genoa*. On  
Advice of these Innovations, the Governor  
speedily returned from *France* to *Genoa*,  
with One Hundred and Fifty Horse and  
Seven Hundred Foot ; but found himself  
unable, either by Authority, or by Per-  
suasions, or even by Force, to rectify, in any  
measure, the Disorders ; on the contrary,  
he was often obliged to comply with the  
Inclinations of the People, as when he  
ordered



ordered another Party of Troops that <sup>A. D.</sup> was on their Way to join him, to march <sup>1506.</sup> back.

FROM these Beginnings the Multitude continually grew more and more insolent, and the ruling Part, as it usually happens in tumultuous Cities, had, contrary to the Will of many of the better sort of the popular Party, fallen almost entirely into the Hands of the Dregs of the common People. They proceeded in the Height of their Madness to erect of themselves a new Magistracy of Eight Commons, who were invested with a very extensive Authority, and, that the Name might make them more outrageous, were called the Tribunes of the People. This done, they sent Troops to take possession of *Spetie*, and other Towns in the Eastern *Riviera*, of which *Gian Luigi dal Fiesco* had been appointed Governor by the King of *France*\*.

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\* This Magistracy, or Tribunes of the Commons, as they called themselves, sent for *Tarlatino* from *Pisa*, and gave him the Command of Two Thousand Men. Bishop of *Nebbio*.

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The Nobles of  
Genoa apply to the  
King of  
France.

COMPLAINTS of these Insolences were made to the King by *Gian Luigi* in the Name of the whole Nobility, and also for his own proper Interest ; representing to his Majesty the manifest Danger of losing the Dominion of *Genoa*, since the Multitude was become so audacious that, besides all other Mischiefs, they had proceeded, in direct Opposition to the royal Authority, to seize on the Towns of the *Riviera* ; that it was easy, by speedily applying proper Remedies, to repress so great a Madness, while there was, as yet, no Fuel to maintain the Flame, nor present Expectation of Supplies from any Quarter : But, by delaying to provide against its Increase, the Evil would every Day take deeper Root. For *Genoa* was a Place of such Importance both by Sea and Land, as easily to invite some Potentate or other to augment a Flame so likely to be destructive to his Majesty's State ; and that the common People being conscious to themselves, that what at first had been perhaps only Sedition, had been since ripened into downright Rebellion,

would

would join with any Power from whom they could find Hopes of Protection. A. D.  
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ON the other side, the Ambassadors from the People of *Genoa* did their best to justify their Cause. They represented to his Majesty, that the People had no other Provocation but the Pride of the Nobles, who, not content with the Honours they were intitled to by their Quality, expected to be revered as Sovereigns; that the People had long submitted to their Insolences, but when they came to be at last injured, not only in their Estates, but in their Persons, they could no longer contain themselves; that they had not, however, taken any further Steps than what were absolutely necessary for the Security of their Liberty; for whilst the Nobles had an equal Share in Offices, the People were disabled, by means of the Magistrates and Courts of Justice, to resist their Tyranny; that while *Gian Luigi* kept possession of the Towns of the *Riviera*, without communicating with which *Genoa* was in a manner besieged, it was not safe for the People to

Commons  
plead their  
Cause.

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have any Commerce or Intercourse with those Towns. The People had been always devoted and faithful to his royal Majesty, and all the Innovations in *Genoa* had ever proceeded more from the Nobles than from the People; that they supplicated his Majesty to pardon those Offences and Misdemeanours which, contrary to universal Approbation, had, in the Ardour of Contention, been committed by any particular Persons; that he would vouchsafe to confirm the Laws which they had made concerning the Distribution of Offices, and to order that the Governors of the Towns in the *Riviera* might be appointed by the Republic. Thus would the Nobles enjoy their Rights and Dignities with the Honours due to them, and the Commons live in the peaceable Enjoyment of their Liberties with all convenient Security; by which Means none would suffer any Injury, but all finding themselves reduced, by Virtue of his Authority, into such a happy State of Tranquillity, would forever adore his royal Clemency, Goodness and Justice.

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THE King was much concerned at these tumultuous Disorders, either because he was apprehensive of the Licentiousness of the Multitude, or because of the general Affection of the *French* even to the Name of Nobleman; and therefore he was disposed to punish the Authors of these Insolences, and to reduce all things to their antient State. But fearing that, if he used rough Means, the *Genoese* would have recourse to *Cæsar*, of whom, his Son *Philip* being then living, he stood much in Awe, for this Reason he de- King deals  
 termined to proceed in a gentle Manner, gently  
 and pardoned all Offences, confirmed the Populace.  
 new Law concerning Offices, insisting only on resuming into his Hands the Towns the People had seized in the *Riviera*. And, the more easily to dispose them to be satisfied with these Concessions, he deputed to *Genoa* Doctor *Michele Riccio*, a *Neapolitan* Exile, to exhort the Populace to make use of this Opportunity of shewing themselves worthy of the royal Favour, and not, by persevering in their Contumacy and Transgressions, lay the King under a



*A. D.* Necessity of proceeding against them with  
 1506. the Severity of absolute Command.

As in Minds blinded by immoderate Desires, Rashness leaves Prudence no Share in the Management of Affairs, so in the Case before us, the common People and their Tribunes, (tho' the lawful Magistrates were of contrary Sentiments) not only refused the kind Offers of the King, by keeping possession of the Towns they had seized, but proceeded continually to worse Provocations, and took a Resolution to make themselves Masters of *Monaco*, a Castle in the Possession of *Luciano Grimaldo*. What incited them to this Undertaking, was either the Malice they bore to all Nobles in general, or because by its commodious Situation, as a Sea-port, it was a Place of Importance to the Affairs of *Genoa*; or the true Motive might be merely private Resentment, as it is well known that he who is in possession of that Town, being tempted by the Conveniency of its Situation, can hardly abstain from exercising himself in Piracy \*; or, in the last Place.

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\* By which *Grimaldi* might have given Offence to many.



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because *Monaco*, as they said, was within the Jurisdiction of the Republic. A good Body of Forces, therefore, was ordered, the Governor in vain protesting against it, to besiege the Place both by Land and Sea. A. D. 1506.  
 The Governor then, *Philip de Ravenstein*, Genoese besiege Monaco. finding that his Stay in *Genoa* could be of no Service, and might possibly, on account of Accidents that were like to happen, prove dangerous, left that City, appointing *Roccalbertino* to supply his Place.

THE King had lost all Hopes of re-  
 ducing Matters into better Order, and not  
 thinking it consistent with his Dignity or  
 Safety to suffer these People to remain in  
 their present Situation, and apprehending  
 that the Danger would be greater, if they  
 were left to run on to greater Extrava-  
 gances, he began to make Preparations  
 both by Sea and Land for reducing them  
 to his Obedience. This Resolution was  
 the Cause of interrupting the Treaty that  
 was in Negotiation between his Majesty  
 and the Pope against the *Venetians*, which  
*Lewis* greatly desired to have concluded,  
 especially now that by the Death of King  
*Philip*,

*A D.* *Philip*, he was freed from the Umbrage  
1506. he had taken at the Preparations of the  
Emperor. But the Pope was more ardently desirous to finish this Treaty, because he was highly provoked against the *Venetians*, for keeping in their Possession the Towns of *Romagna*, and for presuming to confer the vacant Bishopricks in their Dominions, without any Regard to the Apostolic See, and for interfering in many things appertaining to the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. Hence being determined to cultivate the Friendship of the King of *France*, besides declaring Cardinals the Bishop of *Bayeux* and *Aus*, a Favour so long pressed for by the King, he solicited his Majesty to pass into *Italy*, and to come to an Interview with him. To this the King had consented ; but when the Pope was certified of *Lewis's* Resolution to take up Arms in favour of the *Genoesse* Nobility against the People, he was sadly mortified, and altered his Resolution, because he was of old by Nature averse to Noblemen, and favourable to the common People. He interceded, therefore, with the King, that he would content himself with reducing *Genoa*  
to

to his Obedience, without making any Alterations in the popular Government of that City ; and he exhorted him with great Earnestness to abstain from Arms, offering many Reasons, and especially the Danger of raising, by this unseasonable Step, a new Combustion in *Italy*, which might disturb the Preparations for the War designed against the *Venetians*. But finding that the King was not convinced by these Reasons, in a Transport of Anger or Grief, or his old Jealousies of the ambitious Desires of the Cardinal of *Amboise*, either by his own Impulse, or by the subtle Artifices of others, reviving in his Mind, he was seized with a Suspicion that the King would detain him if they should meet together in the same Place ; or perhaps both of these Causes concurring, all on a sudden he declared, in the Beginning of the Year 1507, contrary to Expectation, his Intention of returning to *Rome* ; for which he gave no other Reason, but that the Air of *Bologna* was prejudicial to his Health, and that by his Absence from *Rome* his Finances were considerably disordered.

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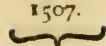
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Pope re-  
turns from  
*Bologna*  
to *Rome*.

THIS Resolution of his Holiness was very surprising to all, and especially to the King, that without any Reason he should leave unfinished a Negotiation which he had desired, and decline an Interview, which he himself had solicited. His Majesty being much disturbed at this Step of the Pope, he left no Means untried which might induce him to alter his Resolution; but his Labour was not only vain, but hurtful; for the Pontiff took occasion, from the Instances which the King made him, to be more suspicious, and was the more confirmed in his Resolution, to which pertinaciously adhering, he set out from *Bologna* at the End of *February*, not being able to dissemble the Anger which he had conceived against the King. Before he left the City, he laid the first Stone of the Fortrefs, which he, with unlucky Auspices, ordered to be erected near the Gate of *Galera*, in the same Place where, at another time, with the same Auspices, there had been one built by *Filippo Maria Visconti* of *Milan*. His new Displeasure with the King of *France* had

had somewhat mitigated his old Spleen A. D.  
1507. against the *Venetians*, and therefore, not chusing to incommode himself by going out of the Way, he took the direct Road, and passed through the City of *Faenza*. New Disputes now arose between the Pope and the King every Day; for his Holiness made Instances for the Expulsion of the *Bentivogli* from the State of *Milan*, tho' it was with his Consent that they had been allowed to inhabit there, and refused to restore the Prothonotary, Son of *Giovanni*, to the Possession of his Churches, as he had promised in his Agreement; so much did a Spirit of Contention prevail in him against Reason!

THE King took no care to mollify this Disposition of the Pope by soothing Arts and dextrous Management, but quite provoked at such a Fickleness of Temper, and suspecting, as the Truth was, that his Holiness secretly encouraged the People of *Genoa*, he could not abstain from openly threatening him, and upbraiding him, in reproachful Terms, with his low Birth. For it was well known that the  
Pope



*A. D.* Pope was of very mean Extraction, and  
 1507. educated many Years in a very low Station of Life. The King was now, therefore, the more confirmed in his first Resolution, concerning the Affairs of *Genoa*, and made Preparations with the utmost Diligence, for leading an Army in Person against that City; for he had learned, by Experience of what had happened in the Kingdom of *Naples*, the Difference between conducting a War in proper Person, and entrusting the same to the Management of Generals.

*Pisans*  
 assist the  
*Genoese.* THE *Genoese* were not at all alarmed at these Preparations, being intent on getting Possession of *Monaco*, on which Enterprize they employed abundance of Shipping, and Six Thousand Men, common People and Peasants, levied in Haste, and put under the Command of *Tarlatino*, General of the *Pisans*, who, with *Piero Gumbucorta*, and some other Soldiers, had been sent by that People to the Assistance of the *Genoese*.

THE Disorders still increasing in  
*Genoa*,

Genoa, the Governor of the *Castelletto*, <sup>A. D. 1507.</sup> who had hitherto remained very quiet, and had not been disturbed by the People, either by the King's Commandment, or with a Desire of Plunder, broke out all on a sudden, and seized and committed to Prison many of the People, and began to play his Cannon upon the Port and the City ; which so terrified *Roccalbertino* that he left the Place, and the *French* that guarded the Town-house retired into the *Castelletto*. Soon after the Siege of *Monaco*, which had lasted several Months, was raised ; for the Besiegers having advice of the Approach of *Alegre*, with the chief of their Nobles, and Three Thousand Foot they had levied, and of some Auxiliaries from the Duke of *Savoy*, with a Design to relieve the Place, had not the Courage to wait their Arrival, but decamped in all Haste, spreading a Report that the King's Forces were continually pouring into *Lombardy*, and preparing to fall upon them. This News, which should have put the Ringleaders upon taking Measures suitable to so urgent an Occasion, served only to encrease their Rage.

Siege of  
*Monaco*  
raised.

*A. D.* 1507. *Rage.* The Multitude, which had hitherto dissembled their Rebellion in Words, and justified their Actions by crying up, on all Occasions, the Name of the King of *France*, whose Ensigns were still to be seen in the public Places, now created for their Doge one *Pagolo di Nove*, a Silk-Dyer, of the lowest of the Commonalty ; in which Transaction they discovered manifest Signs of a Rebellion ; for the Creation of this Doge was accompanied with a Declaration, that the City of *Genoa* was not subject to any Potentate whomsoever.

*Genoese*  
create a  
new Doge.

THESE audacious Proceedings of the Populace highly provoked the King, and the Nobility having signified to his Majesty, that his Ensigns were removed in order to give Place to those of *Cæsar*, he ordered his Preparations to be increased ; and he was the more incensed, because *Maximilian*, at the Sollicitations of the *Genoese*, and perhaps secretly of the Pope, had advised him to undertake nothing against *Genoa*, as being an Imperial City, offering his Mediation with the People,

People, in order to induce them to comply with such Terms as Justice required. A. D.  
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The new Doge and the Tribunes were not a little emboldened by their prosperous Success in the Eastern *Riviera*. For *Girolamo*, the Son of *Gian Luigi dal Fiesco*, at the Head of Two Thousand Foot, and some Horse, having recovered *Rapalle*, and marched by Night to surprize *Recco*, was encountered by some Troops that were marching from *Genoa* to succour the Place, and, without coming to a formal Engagement, put to a disorderly Flight; which being discerned by *Orlandino*, Nephew of *Gian Luigi*, who had made a Descent at *Recco* with another Body of Forces, he in like manner betook himself to Flight. Hence the Doge and the Tribunes growing more insolent, attacked *Castellaccio*, an old Fortrefs situated in the Mountains above *Genoa*, raised by the Lords of *Milan* while they had the Dominion of that City, and served to protect the Troops in their Access to *Genoa*, when those Lords sent any from *Lombardy* to relieve the *Castelletto*. This Place having but a small Garrison, was

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 1507. easily taken, for the few *French* that were in it surrendered on Condition of saving their Lives and Effects. But the Besiegers immediately broke their Word, and returned to *Genoa* with great Alacrity, boasting of their Exploit, and shewing their bloody Hands. At the same time they began to batter the *Castelletto*, and the Church of *San Francesco* contiguous to it.

BUT the King of *France* was by this time passed into *Italy*, and his Troops were continually assembling from all Parts in order to form the Siege of *Genoa* as soon as possible. The *Genoese* now found themselves abandoned of all Succours; for the Catholic King, though desirous of their Success, would not fall out with the King of *France*, but even furnished him with Four light Gallies. The Pope durst not shew his Mind, but by administering Hopes and Admonitions in private; for he had no Troops but Three Hundred foreign Foot, and no experienced Officers, and was in want of military Stores. The *Genoese*, however, persisted in



in their Obstinacy, confiding in the narrow Passes, and in the Difficulties and Ruggedness of their Country, by which they imagined it was easy for them to prevent the Approach of an Enemy to *Genoa*. Under the Influence of this vain Confidence, they despised the Admonitions of many of their Friends, in particular of the Cardinal of *Finale*, who attended the King, and exhorted them, by frequent Messages and Letters, to submit themselves to his Majesty's Will, giving them Hopes of readily obtaining a Pardon, and tolerable Conditions. But the *French* Army being now on its March by the Way of *Borgo de' Fornari* and *Serravalle*, the Vanity of their Designs began to discover itself. No Councils were held, nor Plans drawn, as there should have been, by Men experienced in War; nothing was heard but Clamours and vain Boastings of a vile and ignorant Multitude. And as a Proof that the Courage of such Men, when Danger is present, is no way correspondent to what they had rashly promised when Fear was far off, Six Hundred of their Infantry, posted to guard

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Obstinacy  
andCowardice of the  
*Genoese*.

*A. D.* the first Passes, at the Approach of the  
 1507. } Enemy basely deserted their Post, and  
 betook themselves to Flight. Their  
 cowardly Example was followed by the  
 rest, who lost all Courage, and, abandon-  
 ing the Passes which they were ap-  
 pointed to defend, retired into *Genoa* \*.  
 The *French* Army finding the Passes free  
 and open, continued their March, without  
 Opposition, over the Chain of Mountains,  
 and descended into the Valley of *Pozze-  
 vera*, Seven Miles distant from *Genoa*, to  
 the great Astonishment of the *Genoese*,  
 who had foolishly persuaded themselves,  
 that the Troops durst not be so fool-hardy  
 as to take up their Quarters in a Valley,  
 surrounded by rugged Mountains, and in  
 the midst of an Enemy's Country.

AT this time the King's Fleet, consist-  
 ing of Eight light Gallies, Eight Galeons,  
 with a great Number of Brigantines, and  
 other small Vessels, appeared before *Genoa*,  
 and

\* The Commander of these Foot, the Bishop of *Nebbio*  
 says, was *Jacopo Corso*, Lieutenant to *Tarlatino*, a Man  
 expert enough in War, but not feared, who began to  
 skirmish with the *French*, but the *Genoese* basely fled, and  
 abandoned the foreign Soldiers, who did their Duty.

and sailed towards *Porto Venere* and *Spetie*,  
 in Chace of the *Genoesse* Fleet of Seven  
 Gallies and Six Barks, which not venturing  
 to remain in the Port of *Genoa*, was re-  
 tired to those Places. The Army moved  
 from the Valley of *Pozzevera* to *Rivarolo*,  
 Two Miles from *Genoa*, and posted itself  
 near the Church of *San Piero della Rena*  
 by the Sea-side, meeting in their March,  
 at small Distances, several Parties of *Ge-  
 noesse* Foot, who shewed no more Reso-  
 lution than the rest, but retired at their  
 Approach. The same Day arrived in the  
 Army the King in Person, and took up  
 his Quarters in the Abbey of *Boschetto* over  
 against the Suburb of *Rivarolo*. His  
 Majesty was attended by a great Part of  
 the Nobility of *France*, a vast Number  
 of Noblemen of the State of *Milan*, and  
 the Marquis of *Mantoua*, whom his Ma-  
 jesty had a few Days before declared Head  
 of the Order of *Saint Michele*, and pre-  
 sented him with the Standard, which had  
 never been in the Possession of any Person  
 since the Death of *Lewis XI*. There  
 were in the *French* Army One Thousand  
 Eight Hundred light Horse, Six Thousand

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French  
King ar-  
rives in  
his Army.

*A. D.* <sup>1507.</sup> *Swiss*, and Six Thousand Foot of other Nations ; but the Lances were but Eight Hundred, for the King, considering the Roughness of the Country, had left the rest in *Lombardy*.

THE *Genoese*, for the Defence of the Road that goes over the Hills to *Castellaccio*, and from thence to *Genoa*, by a shorter Way than what leads along the Strand of *San Piero della Rena*, had erected a Redoubt on the Top of a Mountain called *Promontorio*, between the Suburb of *Rivarolo* and *San Piero della Rena*, from which Redoubt the Way leads along the Ridge of a Hill to *Castellaccio*. To this Redoubt the *French* directed their March the same Day they encamped at *Rivarolo*. On the other Side, there marched out of *Genoa* Eight Thousand Foot, commanded by *Jacopo Corso*, Lieutenant to *Tarlatino*, for *Tarlatino* himself, after raising the Siege of *Monaco*, had taken up his Quarters, with the *Pisan* Soldiers, in *Ventimiglia* ; and when they were recalled by the *Genoese*, who sent the Ship of *Demetrio Giustiniano* to bring them off, they could  
not

not return to *Genoa* by Land, because they <sup>A. D. 1507.</sup> would have been intercepted by the *French*, nor by Sea, because of contrary Winds. As soon as the *French* began to ascend the Mountain, they discovered the *Genoese* Foot, who had ascended by the Hill that leads to the Redoubt, and afterwards the greater Part of them descending, had made a Stand upon a rocky Eminence, halfway up the Hill. *Mons. Chaumont* detached a good Body of Foot, with a Number of Gentlemen, to attack them. The *Genoese* by their great Superiority in Number, and the Advantage of Situation, made a stout Defence, with considerable Loss to the *French*, who, despising their Enemies, as consisting mostly of raw and undisciplined Tradesmen and Peasants, confidently advanced, not considering the Strength of the Place, to attack them. *Mons. Palisse* was wounded, though not dangerously, in the Throat. But *Chaumont* resolving to dislodge the Enemy from their Post, ordered Two Pieces of Cannon to be brought up the Hill, which taking them in Flank, constrained <sup>*Genoese* routed.</sup> them to retire towards the Mountain



*A. D.* 1507. where the rest of their Troops were posted. The *French* advancing after them in good Order, those who guarded the Redoubt, tho' from the Advantage of its Situation, and the Works that had been made, they might safely wait till the Cannon were planted against it, fearing the *French* should post Part of their Forces so as to cut off the Communication between them and their Troops upon the Mountain, most shamefully abandoned it. Hence those who were retiring from the Eminence towards the Redoubt seeing their Passage intercepted, fled out of the beaten Road, and through Quagmires and over rough Precipices, made their Way into *Genoa*, losing about Three Hundred Men in their Retreat.

*Genoese*  
sue for  
Pardon.

THIS ill Success filled the whole City with inexpressible Terror; and the Management of public Affairs being in the Hands of the lowest of the Commonalty, and nothing of Importance directed by military Counsel or civil Prudence, they deputed Two Ambassadors to the Army, in order to treat of surrendering themselves upon reasonable Terms. These Ambassadors were

were not admitted into the King's Presence, but had an Audience of the Cardinal of *Rouen*, who answered them, that the King had resolved not to accept them on any other Conditions than an absolute Surrender of themselves, and all that belonged to them, to his Will and Pleasure. But while the Treaty was in Agitation, a Party of the common People, which had refused to come into any Agreement, marched out of *Genoa* in a tumultuous Manner, and were discovered on the Risings and Hills, that leads from *Castellaccio* to the Redoubt, which they had approached within a Quarter of a Mile, in hopes to recover it; but after skirmishing for Three Hours with the *French*, who had sallied out and attacked them, without any Advantage on either Side, they retired towards *Castellaccio*.

WHILE this passed the King, being apprehensive of some greater Commotion, was continually on Horseback, armed, and attended by a good Body of Cavalry, in the Plain between the River *Pozzevera* and his Camp. However, the  
next

*A. D.* next Night, the Affairs of the *Genoese* being in a desperate State, and a Report being spread that the Heads of the popular Party had secretly compounded with the King, even at the Time when he was at *Asti*, and the Populace grieved to think how they had been deceived, the Doge, with many of those whose Crimes were so great that they despaired of Pardon, and that Party of *Pisans* which had remained in the City, set out for *Pisa*. And the next Morning, by Break of Day, the same Ambassadors returned to the Camp, and consented to give up the City to the King's Discretion, not having sustained the War above Eight Days; giving us a very remarkable Example of the Weakness of an ignorant and confused Multitude, who, relying on fallacious Hopes, and vain Projects, are fierce and confident when Danger is far off, but dejected and irresolute at its Approach, and never keep within the Bounds of Moderation.

THE Agreement being settled, the King with his Army approached *Genoa*; his Foot were quartered in the Suburbs, and

and could hardly be restrained, especially <sup>A. D. 1507.</sup> the *Swiss*, from entering the City and plundering it. After this *Chaumont* entered the Place with most of the other Troops, having first placed a Garrison in *Castellaccio*, and to him the *Genoese* delivered up all their Arms, both public and private, which were carried into the *Castelletto*, with Three Pieces of Cannon which the *Pisans* had brought with them, and which were afterwards sent to *Milan*. The next Day, which was *April 29*, the King in Person made his Entry into *Genoa*, with all the Gens d'Armes and Archers of his Guard, himself on Foot under a Canopy, all in white Armour, with a naked Dagger in his Hand. He was met by the Elders, accompanied by many of the most honourable Citizens, who throwing themselves at his Feet, and shedding a Flood of Tears, one of them, after Silence for some time, spoke as follows.

“ We cannot deny, most Christian and most merciful Sovereign, but that in the Beginning of the Contentions with our Nobles, the greatest Part of the People  
Speech made to him.  
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*A. D.* was concerned ; but we beg leave, at the  
*1597.* same time, to affirm, that the Insolences committed, and much more the Contumacy and Disobedience to the royal Commands, proceeded entirely from the Dregs of the lowest of the Populace, whose Audaciousness and Temerity neither we nor our Fellow Citizens, nor our Merchants and substantial Tradesmen, had it in their Power to restrain. And therefore, whatever Punishment your Majesty should think fit to inflict on us, or on this City, would fall upon the Innocent, without affecting the Authors and Accomplices of those Crimes and Misdemeanours, who are a Rabble of poor, indigent Vagabonds, hardly reckoned by us in the Number of Men, much less of Citizens, nor do they themselves regard this unhappy City as their Country. But our Intention, dread Sovereign, is to lay aside all Excuses, and to have recourse only to the Mercy and Magnanimity of so great a King, in which we repose an entire Confidence, and most humbly supplicate your Majesty, that, with the same Generosity you were pleased to pardon



don much greater Offences in the *Milaneſe*,  
you would vouchſafe to caſt an Eye of  
Pity and Compaſſion on your Subjects  
the *Genoeſe*, a few Months ago the moſt  
happy of all Mortals, and now an Exam-  
ple of all Miſeries. Remember, we be-  
ſeech you, with what Glory your Ma-  
jeſty's Name was celebrated throughout  
the World for Clemency on that Occa-  
ſion, and how much more worthy of your  
Majeſty it will be to confirm and illuſtrate  
that glorious Name, by ſhewing the  
ſame Mercy, than to obſcure it by the  
Exerciſe of Cruelty. Remember, great  
King, that your Title of *Moſt Chriſtian*  
is derived from Chriſt, the merciful Re-  
deemer of all Mankind; wherefore, in  
Imitation of that bleſſed Pattern, it is  
your Duty to exerciſe on all Occaſions,  
that Clemency and Mercy which are ſo  
proper to him. Let the Tranſgreſſions  
be never ſo heinous; Let them be in-  
conceivable, they cannot, however, ex-  
ceed your royal Pity and Goodneſs.  
You, our King, are the Representative of  
the moſt high God among us in Digni-  
ty and Power, (for what are Kings but  
Gods

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1507. } Gods in regard to their Subjects?) and therefore are so much the more obliged to represent him also in a Conformity of Will, and of Works, of which none is so glorious, none so pleasing, and none renders his Name so wonderful, as Mercy."

THIS Speech was followed by a loud and universal Cry for Mercy. The King went forwards without giving any Answer; but his commanding them to rise from the Ground, and sheathing his Dagger, which he had held naked in his Hand, were Signs of a Heart rather inclined to Gentleness. Arriving afterwards at the great Church, an infinite Number of Women and Children of both Sexes, all clothed in White, threw themselves at his Feet, and supplicated his Clemency and Mercy, with loud Cries, and miserable Complaints; at the Sight of which, they say, the King's Heart was not a little touched. *Lewis* had resolved to deprive the *Genoese* of all Administration and Authority in public Affairs, and to confiscate the Revenues of the Bank of  
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of *San Giorgio*, which were the Property of private Persons, to divest them of all Show of Liberty, and to reduce the City to the same State of Subjection as the Towns of the *Milaneſe*; but yet a few Days after, conſidering that by ſuch a Method he ſhould not only puniſh many innocent Perſons, but alienate the Affections of all the Nobility, and that it was eaſier to preſerve his Dominion with ſome Degree of Lenity, than by reducing his Subjects to a State of Deſpair, he continued their antient Government, as it ſubſiſted before their late Seditions; but to temper Lenity with Severity, he condemned the Community to pay Three Hundred Thouſand Ducats, which were not long afterwards reduced to Two Hundred Thouſand, to be paid within a certain Time, to reimburse him of his Charges, and for erecting a Fortreſs at the Tower of *Codiſa*, a ſmall Diſtance from *Genoa*, and ſituated by the Sea-ſide above the Suburb that leads to the Valley of *Pozzevera* and *San Piero in Arena*. This Fortreſs, becauſe it commands the whole Haven, and Part of the City, is not improperly called

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Genoſe  
pardoned  
on Condi-  
tions.

So

## THE HISTORY OF

*A. D.*  
*1507.* } called *The Bridle* \*. It was his Will also that they should maintain a greater Garrison than usual, and should keep in their Port Three light Galleys always equipped for his Service, and should fortify the *Castelletto* and *Castellaccio*. He disannulled all former Agreements between him and the City, but renewed his Grants of almost all the same Things, though not as Covenants but Privileges, that he might have it always in his Power to deprive the Citizens of them. He burnt the Book in which were recorded all the former Conventions made between him and the Republic, to the great Grief of the People. He abolished the antient Stamp on the *Genoese* Coins, and ordered that, for the future, his own Mark should be impressed on them, as a Demonstration of his absolute Superiority. To all this was added the beheading of *Demetrio Giustiniano*, who, in his Examination, discovered all the Negotiations held with the Pope,

\* He taxed the City in Three Hundred Thousand Ducats, of which Sum One Hundred Thousand were afterwards remitted, and the rest were to be paid in Fourteen Months, except Forty Thousand, which were to be paid immediately for building the Fortres. *Giustiniani*.

Pope, and the Encouragements received <sup>A. D. 1507.</sup> from him. *Pagolo da Nove*, the last Doge, a few Months after received the same Punishment. For as he was sailing from *Pisa* to *Rome*, he was betrayed by a *Corfican*, who had been in his Pay, and sold to the *French* for Eight Hundred Crowns.

THE King having dispatched these Affairs, and received of the *Genoese* a solemn Oath of Fidelity, and granted his Pardon to all, except about Sixty, whom he left to the Disposition of the Ordinary Course of Justice, set out for *Milan*, having, as soon as he was in possession of *Genoa*, disbanded his Army, with which, <sup>French King disbanded his Army.</sup> had he followed the Course of his Victory, he might easily have oppressed whom he pleased of the *Italian* Potentates, who were but badly provided for making Resistance. But the Reason of this sudden Dismission of his Troops was to satisfy the Pope, the King of the *Romans*, and the *Venetians*, who had taken very great Umbrage at his Coming into *Italy*, that he



*A. D.* had formed no other Design than to re-  
 1507. cover *Genoa*.

BUT nothing was sufficient to satisfy the Mind of the Pope, who, interpreting every thing in the worst Sense, made new and heavy Complaints of the King, as if it were by his Means that *Annibale Bentivoglio*, with Six Hundred Foot listed in the Dutchy of *Milan*, had, about this time, attempted to enter *Bologna*, declaring that if he succeeded in that Enterprise, he would make a further Progress in the Ecclesiastical State. The Pope incensed at this Proceeding, tho' he had before, with the greatest Difficulty, declared the Bishops of *Aus* and *Bayeux* Cardinals, refused to declare the Bishop of *Albi*, bitterly complaining, that it was by the Permission of *Chaumont*, Brother to the Bishop, that the *Bentivogli* were allowed to reside in the *Milanese*. But, what was of greater Importance was, that when the King publicly declared his Intention of reducing the *Genoese* to Obedience by force of Arms, his Holiness, transported with Hatred as well as Suspicions,

cions, had signified by his Nuncios, and by a Brief written to the King of the *Romans* and to the Electors of the Empire, that the King of *France* was preparing to pass into *Italy* at the Head of a very powerful Army, under Pretence of suppressing the Tumults in *Genoa*, which it was in his Power to compose with his sole Authority; but his real Design was to oppress the State of the Church, and usurp the Imperial Dignity. Besides the Pope, the *Venetians* gave the same Notice to the *Germans*, being alike apprehensive of the Coming of the *French* King with so great an Army into *Italy*.

MAXIMILIAN, who was naturally a great Lover of Novelties, being in the mean time returned into *Flanders*, where he in vain attempted to take upon him the Government of the Prince his Grandson, summoned a Diet of the Princes of *Germany*, and the Free Cities, to meet at *Constance*. The Free Cities are those Towns which acknowledge the Authority of the Empire by certain Payments, but in all other Matters are go-

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Maximilian calls  
a Diet of  
the Em-  
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 1507. } verned by themselves, being intent, not  
 on enlarging their Territories, but on  
 preserving their Liberties \*. To this  
 Diet was a greater and readier Concourse  
 of the Barons, Princes, and People from  
 all Parts of *Germany*, than had been known  
 at any for a very long Time ; for there  
 were present in Person all the Electors,  
 with all the Princes, Ecclesiastic and Secular,  
 throughout *Germany*, except such as were  
 detained by some just Impediment, in  
 which Case they sent either their Sons,  
 Brothers, or other next Relations, to re-  
 present them by Proxy, and all the Free  
 Towns sent their Deputies. To this au-  
 gust Assembly, by Order of *Cæsar*, the  
 Pope's Brief was read, with a Multitude  
 of Letters from different Places, of the  
 same Import ; in some of which it was  
 expressly asserted, that the King of *France*  
 had designed to place in the pontifical  
 Seat the Cardinal of *Rouen*, and to receive  
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\* These Free Cities were Eighty-five in Number, but afterwards, as *Giovio* says, reduced to Seventy-two. They acknowledge no Superior but the Emperor, to whom they pay a small Tribute, amounting to about Fifteen Thousand Florins a Year. They are all under a popular or mixed Government, except some few.

the Imperial Crown at his Hands. These <sup>A. D.</sup> Advices filled the Minds of the whole <sup>1507.</sup> Assembly with the utmost Indignation, and *Cæsar*, as soon as the Murmurings and Noise would permit, made the following Speech.

“ You are already sensible, most noble <sup>His</sup> Electors, Princes, and honourable Deputies, <sup>Speech to</sup> what Effects the Patience that we <sup>the Diet.</sup> have exercised for the Time past has produced, and what has been the Consequence of the Disregard shewn to my Complaints in so many Diets. You see the King of *France*, who before durst not, but on extraordinary Opportunities, and on specious Pretences, make an Attempt against the Holy Empire, openly now making Preparations, not to defend our rebellious Subjects, as he had done at other times, nor to seize on some Place belonging to the Empire, but to deprive *Germany* of the Imperial Dignity, which has been acquired and preserved with so great Valour, and with so much Pains, by our Ancestors. And he has been emboldened in his Undertaking, not

*A. D.* by the Increase of his own Strength, or  
 1507. the Diminution of ours, nor because he  
 is ignorant, how much more powerful  
*Germany* is, without comparifon than *France*,  
 but from the Hopes he has conceived,  
 from Experience of Things paſt, that we  
 ſhall ever continue in the Manner we  
 have hitherto done : That our Diviſions  
 or our Sloth will have more Effect upon  
 us, than any Incentives to Glory, or even  
 Care of our own Safety : That for the  
 ſame Reaſons for which we, to our great  
 Shame, ſuffered him to get poſſeſſion of  
 the Dutchy of *Milan*, to foment Divi-  
 ſions among us, and to take under his  
 Protection Rebels againſt the Empire,  
 we ſhall tamely ſit ſtill while he raviſhes  
 the Imperial Dignity, and transfers the  
 Ornament and Splendor of this Nation  
 into *France*. How much leſs reproachful  
 would it prove to our Name, and how  
 much leſs Grief ſhould I feel in my  
 own Mind, were it known to all the  
 World that *Germany* was inferior in Power  
 to *France* ; ſince I ſhould be leſs afflicted  
 at Loſs than at Infamy ; for at leaſt in  
 ſuch a Caſe it would not be aſcribed to  
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our Imprudence or Cowardice, but either A. D.  
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to the Condition of the Times, or to the Malignity of Fortune. But what can be more unhappy, what more miserable, than to be reduced to such a State, as to make it a desirable thing not to be powerful? and to submit voluntarily to the greatest Loss, in order to preserve, since it cannot be done otherwise, our Names from eternal Infamy and Reproach? But that Greatness of Mind in every one of you, so often displayed in your private Concerns; that Courage, so eminent and peculiar to this Nation, with the Remembrance of the antient Valour and Triumphs of our Forefathers, ever the Dread and Terror of all other Nations, give me Hopes, and almost an Assurance, that, in an Affair of so weighty Concern, you will rouse up your warlike and invincible Spirits. For we are not now treating about the Alienation of the Dutchy of *Milan*, or of the Rebellion of the *Swiss*, in which important Affairs my Authority had but little Weight, on account of the Alliance I had contracted with *Lodovico Sforza*, for the particular Interests of the

*A. D.* House of *Austria*. But at present, what  
<sup>1507.</sup> Excuse can be pretended? With what  
Veil can we cover our Reproach? The  
Question now is, Whether the *Germans*,  
Possessors, not by Fortune but by Valour,  
of the *Roman* Empire, whose Arms have  
conquered almost the whole World, and  
whose Name is still at present formidable  
to all the Kingdoms in Christendom, shall  
basely suffer themselves to be deprived of  
so great a Dignity, shall be made an  
Example of Reproach, and, from being  
the chief and most glorious, shall become  
the lowest, most scorned, and most re-  
proached Nation in the World. What  
Reasons, what Interests, what Resent-  
ments can ever move you? If these can-  
not, what Motives can excite in you the  
Seeds of Valour and Generosity, implant-  
ed in you by your Ancestors? With  
what Sorrow will your Children and  
Descendents, in future Times, remember  
your Names, if you transmit not to them  
the *German* Name in that Grandeur, and  
in that Authority with which it was trans-  
mitted to you from your Fathers? But  
laying aside Exhortations and Persuasions,  
because

because it does not become me whom you A. D.  
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have placed in this high Dignity, to be  
prolix in Speech, I shall proceed to lay  
before you Facts and Examples. It is  
my Resolution to pass into *Italy*, under  
the Name of receiving the Imperial Crown;  
a Solemnity, you know, which has more  
of Ceremony than Substance in it, for  
the Imperial Dignity and Authority de-  
pend wholly on your Election; but my  
principal Intention is to defeat the pernicious  
Counsels of the *French*, and to drive them  
out of the Dutchy of *Milan*, since we have  
no other Way to be secured from their Insolence.  
I am confident that not one of you will  
make any Difficulty of granting me the  
Aids that are usually given to Emperors  
that go to be crowned; these, in conjunction  
with my own Forces will, I doubt not,  
carry Victory with them every where, and  
the greatest Part of *Italy* will meet me  
with humble Petitions for confirming their  
Privileges, or for obtaining from our Justice  
a Deliverance from the Oppression under  
which they groan, or by decent Submission  
to appease the Anger of the Conqueror.

*A. D.* queror. The King of *France* will give  
 1507. way to the bare Name of our Arms, for  
 the *French* have still fresh in their Memo-  
 ries the Battle of *Guinegastle*, in which I  
 myself, tho' then but a Youth, and scarce  
 more than of Boy's Estate, by dint of true  
 Valour, and greatness of Mind, broke  
 the Army of King *Lewis* \* ; since which  
 Time the Kings of *France* never durst  
 venture to try the Force of my Arms, but  
 had recourse to insidious Arts and Strata-  
 gems. But considering the Generosity,  
 and Magnanimity, so peculiar to the  
*German* Nation, can you think it suitable  
 to our Fame and Honour, in so pressing  
 and common Danger, to be so slow in  
 our Resentments, and not to make ex-  
 traordinary Provisions in so extraordinary  
 a Case ? And are you not called upon by  
 the Glory and Greatness of your Name,  
 which has always made you think it your  
 Duty, in a peculiar Manner, to defend  
 the Dignity of the *Roman* Pontiffs, and  
 the Authority of the Apostolic See, which  
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\* *Guinegastle* is a Village of *Picardy* near *Terrouenne*, where, in the last Year of *Lewis* XI, *A. D.* 1479, the *French* were overcome by *Maximilian*.

are now with equal Ambition and Impiety <sup>A. D.</sup>  
wickedly violated by the King of *France*, <sup>1507.</sup>  
to rouse up all *Germany*, by a General  
Decree, to take up Arms, and exert  
themselves in the most powerful Manner  
for this Purpose? This Duty is now  
wholly incumbent on you, for I have  
sufficiently discharged my Part in readily  
calling you together, to set before your  
Eyes the common Danger, and to animate  
you by the Example of my own Resolu-  
tion. In Me there shall be no Want of  
Fortitude of Mind to expose myself to  
any Danger, no Strength of Body, hardened  
by continual Exercise, to endure any Fa-  
tigue. And as for Counsel and Skill in  
Military Affairs, my Age and Experience  
have so qualified me, that you need not  
want a Leader, worthy of that Honour  
for such an Enterprize. But the more  
Authority you bestow on your King, and  
the greater the Power and Force with  
which he is invested, the more easy will  
you render the Defence of the Liberty of  
the *Roman Church*, our common Mother;  
and to your own exceeding Glory, and  
that of the *Germans*, you will exalt to  
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*A. D.* the highest Degree the Imperial Dignity,  
 1507. whose Greatness and Splendor are communicated to every one here present, as well as to the whole Body of this most powerful and warlike Nation."

Its Effects on the Diet.

THIS Speech raised wonderful Com-motions in the Minds of the whole Audience, who were ashamed that the Complaints of *Maximilian* had not been heard in former Diets. And as it was easy to excite a new Spirit of Indignation in Minds already incensed, so when all the Members were in a great Heat, protesting it should never come to pass that, by their Negligence, the Majesty of the Empire should be transferred to other Nations, they began, with great Unanimity, to treat on some necessary Articles. All were of Opinion that a very powerful Army was to be prepared, sufficient, though it were opposed by the King of *France* and all the *Italians*, to renew and recover the antient Rights of the Empire in *Italy*, which, by the Weakness or Fault of the former *Cæsars*, were fallen into the Hands of Usurpers. That the Glory of the *Germanic*

*manic* Body represented by the Concurrence <sup>A. D.</sup> of all the Princes, and of all the free <sup>1507.</sup> Towns, required such Measures, as should plainly convince the World, that if in *Germany* there had not been for many Years a Union of Wills, it was not for want of that Power and Greatness of Courage by which their Ancestors had made themselves formidable to all the World, and universally acquired to themselves a Name with immortal Glory, and the Imperial Dignity; and in particular many Noblemen had acquired Lordships and Grandeur; and how many illustrious Houses are there who have reigned a long Time in *Italy*, whose States were acquired by their Valour! These Affairs were debated with such Warmth, that it is manifest there had not been for a long Course of Years a Diet, from which greater Movements were expected. People were universally persuaded that, besides other Reasons, the Electors and the rest of the Princes would the more readily agree to the Proposals, as they were in hopes that, on account of the tender Age of the Sons of *Philip*, the Imperial Dignity,

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nity, which had continued successively in *Albert, Frederick, and Maximilian*, all of the House of *Austria*, would pass into another Family.

THESE Debates coming to the Ears of the King of *France*, had induced him, in order to prevent Suspicion, as soon as he had subdued *Genoa*, to disband his Army; and he would with the like Expedition have repassed the Mountains, but for the Desire he had to have an Interview with the King of *Aragon*. That Prince was preparing to return into *Spain*, being wholly intent on resuming the Government of *Castile*, because *Giovanna* his Daughter was incapacitated for so weighty an Administration, not so much by the Weakness of her Sex, as by a Melancholy, occasioned by the Death of her Husband, which disturbed her Mind; and her Sons by King *Philip* were under Age, the eldest being not yet full Ten

King *Ferdinando* invited to resume the Government of *Castile*.

Years old. Besides, the old King was willing to give way to the Invitations and Importunities of many who recalled him to the Government, in grateful Remem-

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brance how those Kingdoms had been <sup>A. D. 1507.</sup> ruled with Justice, and flourished in long Peace, under his Administration. And he had still a further Motive from the Diffensions which began to arise between the great Lords, and the manifest Signs of future Disturbances that appeared in many Parts. His Return also was ardently desired by his Daughter, who, though in other things wavering and besides herself, was always constant in desiring the Return of her Father, and obstinately refused, amidst all the Sollicitations and Importunities that could be used, to subscribe her own Name to any Commission, without which Subscription, according to the Custom of those Kingdoms, all Orders on occurrent Business relating to Affairs of Government were of no Validity.

For these Reasons the King of *Aragon* <sup>Sets out from Naples for Spain.</sup> left *Naples* after he had stayed there not above Seven Months, without answering in any manner the vast Expectations that were conceived of him, not only on account of the shortness of Time, and because it is difficult to answer Conceits, which

*A. D.* 1507. which are seldom formed with due Maturity, or measured by just Proportions, but because he had many Difficulties and Impediments to encounter, by which Means he did nothing worthy of Praise or Remembrance for the public Good of *Italy*, nor any thing of Use or Benefit to the Kingdom of *Naples*. For he had no Time to employ his Thoughts on *Italy*, from his Desire to return as soon as he could to the Government of *Castile*, the principal Foundation of his Greatness. On this Occasion it was necessary by all means to preserve the Friendship of the King of the *Romans*, and of the King of *France*; the first, on account of his Authority, as being Grandfather to the Children of the deceased King; and the other because he was a neighbouring Power, and, by encouraging the Malecontents in his Kingdoms, might prevent his Return. When he set himself about establishing the Kingdom of *Naples*, and gratifying the Nobility, he found Difficulties, into which he was thrown by the Peace he had made with the King of *France*, being obliged to make restitution of the Estates taken  
taken



taken from the *Anjouin* Barons, which <sup>A. D. 1507.</sup> either by Agreement, or as a Reward, had been distributed among those who had followed his Party, and being unwilling to disoblige his Friends, was under a Necessity of making them a Recompense either with Estates of the same Value, to be purchased of others, or in Money. But as his Substance was utterly insufficient for this Purpose, he was constrained not only to exact with Rigour the royal Revenue, and to withhold the Bounty usually bestowed by new Kings on the People, without granting any Exemption, or exercising any kind of Liberality, but also, with incredible Complaints and Murmuring of all Ranks, to lay new Taxes on the People, who had expected Relief and Deliverance from their fore Oppression. Nor were the Complaints of the Barons of each Party less clamorous; for those who were in possession of the forfeited Estates were loth to resign them, and were besides, by Necessity of the Times, much stinted and limited in their Recompenses; and those who had the Benefit of Restitution, were restrained as much

*A. D.* as possible in all Matters wherein any  
 1507. Controversy arose, because the less was

restored to them, the less was the Re-  
 compense to the others.

THE King at his Departure was accompanied by the Great Captain, who had acquired vast Renown, and won the Hearts and Affections of all the *Neapolitans* to an incredible Degree, and was highly celebrated for his Liberality, as on all other Occasions, so especially for that generous Demonstration of it before his Departure, in bestowing very rich Gifts and Presents; for which End, that he might not be wanting to his Honour, he was obliged to sell no small Part of his own Estate \*.

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\* *Gonsalvo, Giovinio* says, he did not set out so soon as the King, but a little after him, that he might have Time to take Leave of his Friends, and of all the Citizens, and especially the Ladies of Quality. Before his Departure he called all his Creditors, by sound of Trumpet, to the Board of Treasury to receive their Debts, and gave large Sums to the Soldiers and Officers, to enable them to be liberal, and to provide themselves with Ornaments and Necessaries, that they might return well equipped into their own Country.

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THERE was no great Harmony between the Pope and the King when he left *Naples*; for his Majesty having demanded of the Pontiff the Investiture of that Kingdom, he refused to grant it, unless he paid the Tribute which had been formerly paid by the Antient Kings when they received the Investiture. But *Ferdinando* insisted on having the same Abatement which had been made to his Cousin *Ferdinando*, and to his Sons and Nephews, demanding the Investiture of the whole Kingdom in his own Name, as the Successor of old *Alfonso*. In this Capacity he had received the Homage and Oaths of his Subjects, when he came to *Naples*, though in the Articles of the Peace made with the King of *France*, it was provided that, as to the *Terra di Lavoro* and the *Abruzzi*, the Name of the Queen should be jointly recognised. It was believed, that this Refusal of the Investiture was the Cause that the King declined an Interview with the Pope, who at the time of his Departure waited for several Days in the Castle of *Ostia*,

*A. D.* in Expectation, as it was said, of his Passage: But whatever be the true Reason, the King of *Aragon* failed directly to *Savona*, where, according to Agreement, he was to have a Conference with the King of *France*, who had with that Intent remained in *Italy*, and as soon as he had received Advice of *Ferdinando's* setting sail from *Naples*, set out from *Milan* for *Savona*.

Congress  
of the  
Kings of  
*France* and  
*Aragon*.

THIS Congress of the Two Kings was attended with all the Demonstrations of a free and full Confidence on both Sides, and such as had never been remembered on the like Occasion. For other Princes between whom there had been either Emulation, Remembrance of old Offences, or some Cause of Umbrage, were never brought together but with a Precaution that one of them should not put himself in the Power of the other; but in this Case the Proceedings were quite different. For as soon as the *Aragonian* Squadron was come to an Anchor in the Port of *Savona*, the King of *France*, who was come down to the Key, passed over a  
wooden

wooden Bridge made for that Purpose, *A. D.*  
 attended by a few Gentlemen \*, and <sup>1507.</sup>  
 without a Guard, into the Forecastle of  
 the King's Galley, where he was received  
 with inexpressible Joy by the King and  
 the Queen his Niece. After they had a  
 while entertained themselves in pleasant  
 Discourse, they went ashore over the same  
 Bridge, walked on Foot into the City,  
 and not without Difficulty passed through  
 the Midst of an infinite Multitude of People  
 that flocked thither from all the neigh-  
 bouring Towns. The Queen had at her  
 right Hand her Husband, and at her left  
 her Uncle, and was most splendidly ad-  
 orned with Jewels and other most  
 sumptuous Apparel. Immediately after  
 the Two Kings walked the Cardinal of  
*Rouen* and the Great Captain, then fol-  
 lowed a great Number of young Ladies  
 and noble Youths of the Queen's Court,  
 all in most superb Attire. The Procession  
 was preceded and closed by the Courtiers  
 of the Two Kings with the utmost Pomp  
 and Magnificence, in most costly Robes

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\* He had no more than three Attendants. *Bishop*  
*of Nebbio.*



*A. D.* and other Ornaments, of the richest  
*1507.* Sort. In this pompous Manner the  
 King of *France* attended the King and  
 Queen of *Aragon* into the Castle appointed  
 for their Lodging, which has a Gate  
 towards the Sea, and assigned to their  
 Court that Half of the Town which is  
 contiguous to the Castle, himself taking up  
 his Quarters in the Bishop's Palace facing  
 the same.

Reflekti-  
 ons on the  
 Congress.

IT was certainly a Sight worthy of  
 Remembrance to behold together Two  
 Kings, the most powerful of all the  
 Christian Princes, who had a little before  
 been most bitter Enemies, not only re-  
 conciled as linked in Affinity, but dis-  
 carding all Enmity, and cancelling all  
 Remembrance of past Injuries, each of  
 them entrusting his own Life in the  
 Power of the other, with as much Con-  
 fidence as if they had been always the  
 most affectionate of Brothers. Hence  
 those who were present took Occasion to  
 argue which of the Two Kings shewed  
 the most Confidence. Many cried up  
 that of the King of *France*, who put  
 himself

himself into the Hands of the other without any other Security but *Ferdinando's* Faith; who had great Reason to be ashamed that such Confidence was first reposed in him; besides there was more Ground for Suspicion that he might be pleased to have it in his Power to secure himself of the King of *France*, that he might the better establish himself in the Kingdom of *Naples*. But many, on the other hand, magnified, in a greater Degree, the Confidence of *Ferdinando*, who not for a very short Time only, as the other, but for several Days entrusted his Person with the King of *France*, whom he had deprived of so fine a Kingdom, with so great a Loss of his Soldiers, and so much Dishonour to his Name, that he had Reason to fear, that Hatred and a Desire of Revenge were predominant in him; and, as it might be further suggested on the same Side, the Perfidy would meet with the greater Reward. For *Ferdinando* could not promise himself much Benefit from making a Prisoner of the King of *France*, because his Kingdom was established on its own

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Laws and Customs in such a Manner,  
 that its native Force and Authority would  
 not suffer much Diminution by such an  
 Accident \*. But if *Ferdinando* should  
 be made a Prisoner, it could not be  
 doubted but that, by reason of the tender  
 Age of his Heir, and the Newness of  
 his Acquisition of the Kingdom of *Naples*,  
 and because his other Kingdoms, that of  
*Castile* in particular, would from various  
 Accidents be subject to fall into Confusion  
 among one another, so that the King  
 of *France* would not for many Years have  
 received any Disturbance from the Arms  
 and Power of *Spain*. But the Great Cap-  
 tain furnished the Spectators with no less  
 Matter for Discourse, than the two Kings,  
 and all Eyes were as much turned upon  
 him, for the Fame of his Valour, and  
 the Memory of his many Victories, which  
 carried such a Lustre, that the *French*  
 themselves, tho' so often beaten by him  
 that they had hated and abhorred his very  
 Name, now could not be satisfied in  
 viewing

\* This is verified by what happened afterwards at the  
 Battle of *Parvia*, where King *Francis* was taken Prisoner,  
 but his Kingdom suffered no manner of Diminution by  
 that Event.

viewing and honouring him, and in re-  
 lating his Exploits to those who had never  
 been in the Kingdom of *Naples*; some  
 telling with what extraordinary and in-  
 credible Expedition and Stratagems he  
 had on a sudden attacked the Barons in  
 their Quarters at *Laino*; others recounting  
 with what Constancy of Mind he had  
 endured so many Difficulties and Hard-  
 ships in the midst of Famine and Pestilence,  
 when besieged in *Barletta*. Some  
 expatiated on his Diligence and efficacious  
 Way of engaging the Hearts of Men;  
 by help of which he kept together his  
 Soldiers so long a time without Money;  
 how valiantly he fought at *Cirignuola*;  
 with what Strength and Fortitude of  
 Mind, when so much inferior in Force,  
 with an Army not paid, and surrounded  
 with infinite Difficulties, he resolved not  
 to quit his Camp near the River *Gari-  
 gliano*; with what military Industry, and  
 by what Stratagems he obtained the  
 Victory there; and how he never ne-  
 glected taking all Advantages of the Dis-  
 orders of the Enemy. And the Admira-  
 tion of the Public was increased by his  
 peculiar

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1507. } peculiar majestic Presence, the Magnificence of his Words, and his Behaviour, which was full of Gravity softened with Gracefulness. But above all the King of *France*, who insisted that he should sup at the same Table with *Ferdinando*, the Queen, and himself, and had caused *Ferdinando* to lay his Commands on him for that Purpose, was in a manner ravished with beholding him, and conversing with him; so that it was universally agreed, that this Day was no less glorious to the Great Captain, than that in which as a Conqueror he entered in Triumph with his Army into the City of *Naples*. This Day was indeed the last of the glorious Days of the Great Captain, for afterwards he never went out of the Kingdom of *Spain*, nor had any farther Opportunity for the Exercise of his Talents in War, or in any remarkable Transaction in Time of Peace \*.

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\* In this Congress of the two Kings, says *Giovio*, nothing was to be seen more worthy or more illustrious than *Gonsalvo*, to whom *Lewis* himself confirmed the Title of *Great*.



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THE Two Kings staid together Three Days, in which Time they held very secret and long Conferences, to which none was usually admitted except the Cardinal of *Santa Prassede*, the Pope's Legate. In these Conferences, as appeared partly from what then transpired, and partly from what happened afterwards, the Kings reciprocally promised to maintain a perpetual Friendship and good Understanding with each other, and it was agreed that *Ferdinando* should endeavour to compose the Differences between *Cæsar* and the King of *France*, that so being all united together they might afterwards attack the *Venetians*. And to manifest that they had the common Cause of all as much at Heart as their own private Interest; they consulted about reforming the State of the Church, and calling a Council for that Purpose. On this Head *Ferdinando* did not proceed with much Sincerity, but his Aim was to amuse the Cardinal of *Rouen*, who was ardently desirous of the Pontificate, with hopes of a Council. By such Arts as these he got the Affections of that

Prelate

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1507. { Prelate to such a Degree, that he was not convinced till late, and after many Demonstrations, and perhaps with no small Detriment to the Affairs of the King his Master, what a wide Difference there was between the Sayings and Doings of that Prince, and how deep and secret he laid his Measures.

Affairs of  
the *Pisans*. **THEY** had also on the Carpet the Cause of the *Pisans*, about which the *Florentines* had been treating that Year with both of the Kings. For the King of *France*, when he was making Preparations against the *Genoese*, being provoked with the *Pisans* for the Assistance they had given to that People, and it appearing to him convenient for his Affairs that the *Florentines* should recover *Pisa*, had given them Hopes that, after he was Master of *Genoa*, he would order his Army to march thither; for the King and the whole Court had changed their antient Goodwill towards the *Pisans* into Hatred, for their succouring the *Genoese*. But the Enterprize against *Genoa* being finished, he altered his Resolution, for  
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the same Reasons which induced him to A. D.  
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 disband his Army, and that he might not  
 offend the King of *Aragon*, who affirmed  
 that he would undertake to dispose the  
*Pisans* to return unanimously under the  
 Dominion of the *Florentines*; from which  
 Management the King of *France* was in  
 Hopes of obtaining a round Sum of Mo-  
 ney from that Republic. The King of  
*Aragon* directed his Endeavours to that  
 Purpose, tho' from different Motives. For  
 it would be more agreeable to him that  
 the *Florentines* should not recover *Pisa*;  
 but knowing that the Place could not be  
 preserved without Expence and Difficul-  
 ty, and doubting it would fall into their  
 Hands by Means of the King of *France*,  
 he had entertained Hopes, while he was  
 at *Naples*, that he was able, by virtue of  
 his own Authority, to induce the *Pisans*  
 to submit to the Dominion of the *Floren-*  
*tines* upon honourable Conditions. And,  
 in case of Success, the *Florentines* pro-  
 mised to enter into a Confederacy with  
 him, and to present him at different  
 Times with One Hundred and Twenty  
 Thousand Ducats. But not finding in  
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*A. D.* the *Pisans* that Compliance which they  
<sup>1507.</sup> had at first given him Reason to expect,  
and to prevent the King of *France* from  
receiving the whole Reward, he had told  
the *Florentine* Ambassadors in plain Terms,  
that if they attempted by any manner of  
Means, to recover *Pisa* without his Assist-  
ance, he would openly oppose their En-  
terprize. And that he might prevail  
on the King of *France* to lay aside all  
Thoughts of using Force, sometimes he  
declared that he was confident of inducing  
the *Pisans* to some Composition; some-  
times he told him that they were under  
his Protection; but that was false. It  
was true indeed that the *Pisans* had several  
times demanded it, and offered to surren-  
der themselves absolutely to his Dominion;  
but tho' he ever allured them with Hopes,  
and ordered the Great Captain to do the  
same in a more ample Manner, yet he had  
never complied with their Request. But  
this Affair being more particularly dis-  
cussed in *Savona*, the Two Kings conclu-  
ded that it was fit that *Pisa* should return  
under Subjection to the *Florentines*, and  
that they should both receive a Gratifica-  
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tion on that account. The *Florentines* being apprised of these Negotiations in their Favour, would by no Means disoblige the King of *Aragon*, and forbore this Year to destroy the Harvest of the *Pisans*; from which they had promised themselves great Success. For *Pisa* was much exhausted of Provisions, and so weak in their Forces, that the Troops of the *Florentines* over-ran all the Country to the very Gates of *Pisa*, where the Peasants, who were more numerous than the Citizens, being very loth to lose the Fruit of a whole Year's Labour, had begun to abate much of their usual Obstinacy. Nor had the *Pisans* any longer the joint Assistance of their Neighbours; for the *Genoese*, overwhelmed with Calamities, employed their Thoughts on other Matters; *Pandolfo Petrucci* refused to be at any Expence; and the *Lucchese*, tho' they had always furnished them with Succours of one kind or other in private, were unable alone to sustain so vast a Charge.

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*Pisans abandoned by their Neighbours.*

THE Two Kings left *Savona* after a Stay of Four Days, and parted from one another

Departure of the two Kings from *Savona*.



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ther with all the Demonstrations of cordial Agreement and Affection ; one went by Sea to *Barcelona*, the other returned by Land to *France*, leaving the Affairs of *Italy* in the same State, but the Pope under a greater Dissatisfaction of Mind. His Holiness took Occasion from the late Step of *Annibale Bentivoglio* to make Instances, by the Cardinal of *Santa Prassede*, to the King of *France* at *Savona*, to have *Giovanni Bentivogli* and his Son *Alessandro*, who resided in the Dutchy of *Milan*, delivered up to him Prisoners ; representing to his Majesty, that since they had broke thro' the Agreement made by means of *Cbaumont* in *Bologna*, he was no longer obliged to observe his Word of Honour given them ; and offering, if his Request were granted, to create the Bishop of *Albi* a Cardinal. The King answered that there was no Evidence of their Guilt, which if proved he was disposed to punish ; that he had kept *Giovanni* many Days a Prisoner in the Castle of *Milan*, but, no Witness of their Misdemeanors appearing against them, he would not break his Word, to which he thought himself obliged ; yet  
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Pope complains of the *Bentivogli*.

to do his Holiness a Pleasure, he was disposed to suffer him to proceed against them with Censures and Penalties, as Rebels to the Church ; which would give him no more Concern than he felt when the Mob, in the Heat of the late Commotion, demolished the Palace of the *Bentivogli* to the very Foundation.

IN the mean time the Diet, assembled at *Constance*, raised the Expectations of the Public as much by their Proceedings as they had done at the Beginning. And these Expectations were kept up by *Cæsar* with various Arts, and magnificent Speeches, publishing abroad, that he was to pass into *Italy* with such an Army, that all the Forces of the King of *France* and the *Italians* united together, would not be able to resist him. And to give the greater Weight and Authority to his Cause, by demonstrating that the Defence of the Church was what he laid most to Heart, he signified, by his Letters to the Pope and the College of Cardinals, that he now declared the King of *France* a Rebel, and an Enemy to the Holy Empire, for his

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passing into *Italy* with a Design to transfer the Pontifical Dignity on the Person of the Cardinal of *Rouen*, the Imperial Crown on himself, and reduce all *Italy* under miserable Subjection; and therefore he was preparing to come to *Rome* to be crowned, and to establish the common Liberty and Safety: That by his Imperial Dignity being Advocate of the Church, and by his own proper Piety ardently desirous of advancing the Apostolic See, it did not become him to expect that the Pontiff should address him with Requests or Intreaties on such an Occasion, since he knew that his Holiness, from an Apprehension of these wicked and mischievous Designs, had fled out of *Bologna*, and that the same Fears and Apprehensions had prevented him and the College of Cardinals from making known the Danger, or demanding Succours\*.

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\* The Ultramontane Writers make no mention of the Emperor's proposing a War with *France*; they say, that in this Diet, which lasted from *April* to *August*, he treated of breaking with the *Venetians* for seizing on some of the *Austrian* Towns, and aiding the King of *France* in the Conquest of the *Milanese*; and that on his Complaints it was resolved to declare War against the  
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THE News of what was transacting in *Germany* coming to *Italy* by various and repeated Advices, and magnified by Fame, as usual, beyond the Truth; together with what was publicly talked, and daily gained Credit, about the vast Preparations which were making by the King of *France*, who was believed to have just Grounds for Apprehensions, raised great Commotions in the Minds of all who thought themselves concerned, in some exciting Hopes, in others Fears, and in others a Desire of Innovations. Hence the Pope sent the Cardinal of *Santa Croce* his Ambassador to *Cæsar*; and the *Venetians*, *Florentines*, and all the independent Potentates of *Italy*, except the Marquis of *Mantoua*, deputed to him some proper Persons, either with the Title of Ambassadors, or under some other Denomination. This Situation of Affairs occasioned great Perplexity to the King of *France*, who was uncertain

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*Venetians.* But what is related by our Author seems the most likely, from the Resolutions which were taken by the Diet.

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much more of that of the Pope, on account of some old Prejudices, and now especially for his making choice of the Cardinal of *Santa Croce* for that Ambassy, who was an antient and hearty Friend of *Cæsar*, and zealous for promoting his Grandeur. But, to speak the Truth, the Disposition of the Pope was so far from being obvious to others, that it was not known to himself; for having his Mind full of nothing but Dissatisfaction and Suspensions concerning the King of *France*, at one time he wished for the Coming of *Cæsar*, that he might be delivered from them; at another, the Remembrance of the antient Controversies between the Popes and the Emperors excited his Fears, considering that the same Grounds for Contention still remained. In this doubtful and perplexed Condition, he delayed coming to any Determination, expecting to hear first what had been resolved in the Diet. Proceeding therefore according to general Forms, he instructed his Legate to exhort *Cæsar*, in his Name, to pass into *Italy* without an Army, and,  
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in that Case, to offer him greater Honours *A. D.*  
 than had ever been paid by any Pope at <sup>1597.</sup>  
 the Coronation of Emperors.

BUT the Expectations of the Public from the Resolutions of the Diet began in a little time to diminish. For as soon as it was known in *Germany* that the King of *France* had, immediately after the Reduction of *Genoa*, disbanded his Army, and was afterwards, with all the Speed he could make, returned on the other Side of the Mountains, the Fears and Concern about his usurping the Pontificate and the Empire quite ceased, and the Ardour of the Princes and People abated; nor was the public Concern, as it generally happens, any longer of such Weight as to make them overlook their private Interest; and, besides other Reasons, it has been the constant Desire and Concern of all *Germany*, for many Ages, that the Greatness of the Emperors might not increase to such a Height as to enable them to subject the rest of the Princes and States to their Obedience. Nor was the King of *France* at all wanting in In-

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dustry to vindicate his own Cause, for he sent privately proper Persons to *Constance*, who did not appear in public, but secretly laboured, with the tacit Consent of the Princes who were the Friends of the King their Master, to clear him of those infamous Reproaches cast upon him by the plain Evidence of Facts; they insinuated that the King, as soon as he had reduced *Genoa* to his Obedience, immediately disbanded his Army, and, without leaving Troops in *Italy*, was departed from that Country with all the Haste he could make, and returned beyond the Mountains. These Emissaries also asserted, that the King had not only abstained from injuring the *Roman* Empire by Deeds, but that in all Confederacies, Conventions, or Obligations whatsoever, in which he had engaged himself, it was constantly with this Exception, "That he should not be bound to any thing contrary to the Rights of the Holy Empire." The King, however, did not so far rely on this Justification, as not to use a more prevailing Argument, which was, to temper the *German* Ferocity by a liberal Distri-

Distribution of his Gold, of which that Nation is very greedy. A. D.  
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THE Diet ended at last on the 20th Day of *August*, having resolved, after much Debate, to grant to the King of the *Romans*, for his Expedition into *Italy*, Eight Thousand Horse and Thirty Thousand Foot, with Six Months Pay, and for the Charge of the Artillery and other extraordinary Expences, One Hundred and Twenty Thousand *Rhenish* Florins, for once only: That on the next Festival of *San Gallo*, which is about the Middle of *October*, the Troops should rendezvous near *Constance*. It was reported at that Time, that the Diet would perhaps have granted larger Supplies, if *Maximilian* had consented that the Expedition, under his Management and Direction, should be undertaken entirely in the Name of the Empire, the General Officers elected by Orders of the Empire, the Troops commanded under the same Name, and the Disposal of the Places acquired left to the Determination of the Diet. But *Maximilian* would have no

*A. D.* 1507. Colleague, nor act under any other Name than his own, nor have the Rewards of his Victories given to any but those of his own Appointment, tho' in the Name of the Empire, chusing rather smaller Supplies on his own Terms, and at his own Disposal, than larger with Limitations and Restrictions of his Power and Authority.

*Italy under Alarms.*

THOUGH for these Reasons the Resolutions of the Diet did not answer the Expectations which the Public had at first conceived of them, yet *Italy* was not freed from its Apprehensions on account of this intended Expedition. For it was considered that the Troops granted to *Maximilian* in the Diet, in Conjunction with those which his own Subjects were able to furnish, and those which he could raise at his own Expence, would make a very powerful Army, consisting all of fierce and resolute Soldiers, expert in War, attended with an infinite Train of Artillery, and, what rendered it the more formidable, under the Command of a General who, by his natural Disposition,

sition, and long Exercise in Arms, was <sup>A. D.</sup> most expert in military Discipline, and <sup>1507.</sup> well qualified to undergo any Fatigue of Body, or Anxiety of Mind, that might be required for the most difficult Enterprize, and therefore was in greater Reputation than any Emperor had been in these Hundred Years past \*. Besides, a Treaty was set on foot for taking into his Pay a Body of Twelve Thousand *Swiss*; the Bailiff of *Dijon*, indeed, and other Agents of the King of *France*, made very strong Opposition against it in the Diet of that Nation, putting them in mind of the Confederacy which had subsisted so many Years with *France*, and confirmed not long ago by the King, and of the Benefits that had accrued to their

\* *Maximilian*, immediately after his being elected Emperor, went against the *Turks*, and expelled them out of *Croatia*. He afterwards invaded *Burgundy*, and got the better of the *Swiss*. He subdued the Peasants who in great Numbers had risen about *Spire*, and, after recovering *Bavaria*, he obliged *Philip* Count Palatine of the *Rhine* to ask him Pardon, as he did soon after the Duke of *Guelderland*, who had revolted from him. The Year following he carried his Arms against the King of *Hungary* and *Bohemia*, and made him accept of his own Terms.



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1507. } their People from it ; on the other Hand, representing their inveterate Enmity with the House of *Austria*, and the bloody War they had engaged in with *Maximilian*, and how pernicious the Greatness of the Empire must be to their Establishment ; yet they shewed no small Inclination to satisfy the Demand of *Cæsar*, or at least not to bear Arms against him, out of a reverential Fear of injuring the *German* Nation, whose Cause seemed partly annexed to this Undertaking. Hence many were of Opinion that the King of *France*, if he should find himself abandoned by the *Swiss*, would either join with the *Venetians*, not having a Body of Infantry sufficient to oppose that of the Enemy, or would put his Troops in Garrison for Defence of the Towns, in hopes that the *German* Forces, after pouring into *Italy* like a Torrent, would in a little Time be dispirited, and languish away for want of Money ; and it was observed, that the *French* were already hard at work in fortifying the Suburbs of *Milan*, and others of the most important Places in that Dutchy.

AT the Noise of these Commotions and mighty Preparations the *Venetian* Venetians Senate were no less alarmed and perplexed than the other States; and as their courted by Maximilian, Resolutions were of the highest Importance, their Alliance was solicited, with the utmost Care and Diligence, by each Party. *Cæsar* had, at the Beginning, sent to *Venice* Three Ambassadors of great Authority, to make Instances for Leave to pass through their Territories; and not content with this Demand, he invited them to enter into a stricter Alliance with him, on Condition that they should participate of the Fruits of the Victory; and, on the contrary, he represented to them, that it was in his Power to make an Agreement with the King of *France*, who had often solicited it, at different Times, on Conditions that would tend to their Prejudice.

ON the other Side, the King of *France*, And by by his Ambassadors at the Senate of the King of France. *Venice*, and by the *Venetian* Ambassador who resided at his Court, was solicitous  
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*A. D.* 1507. to induce the Republic to oppose with Force of Arms the Coming of *Cæsar*, as pernicious to them as well as himself; offering at the same time the Assistance of all his Forces, and to continue in perpetual Confederacy with them.

BUT the *Venetian* Senate was, at that Time, unwilling that the Peace of *Italy* should be disturbed, and was not to be tempted, by the Offers of enlarging their Empire, to wish for new Commotions; for knowing by Experience that the Acquisition of *Cremona* was no Compensation for the Jealousies and Dangers to which they were continually exposed since they chose the King of *France* for their near Neighbour, they would willingly have resolved on a Neutrality; but being earnestly solicited and teased by *Cæsar*, they were under a Necessity of granting or refusing him a Passage. They were afraid to deny it, because they were the first who lay in his way to be attacked; if they granted it, they would offend the King of *France*, for in the Confederacy that subsisted between them it was

expressly prohibited to grant a Passage to the Enemies of either Party: And they were sensible that when once they had begun to offend him, it would be afterwards a Folly to remain idle Spectators, and wait till Victory had declared for one Party or the other, for they would then be sure to have one for their most bitter Enemy, and the other, having received no other Satisfaction than to be allowed a Passage, would not think himself much obliged to their Friendship. For these Reasons the Senate was unanimously of Opinion, that it was necessary to declare openly for one of the Parties; but on what Side to fix their Choice in so weighty an Affair, there were great Variety of Sentiments. Therefore after they had delayed, as long as they could, coming to a Resolution, and were no longer able to resist the pressing Instances which each of the Parties made them, they referred the Affair at last to the ultimate Determination of the Council of the Pregadi, in which *Nicolo Foscarino* made the following Speech:

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“ IF it lay in our Power, most excellent Senators, to pass a Resolution by which the Peace of our Republic, in the midst of these mighty Movements and Troubles which now threaten to beset us, might be preserved and established, I am very certain that there would be no Difference of Sentiments among us, and that no Proposals would be sufficient to incline us to a War attended with so much Cost and Danger as the present appears to carry with it. But since, for the Reasons so often of late alledged in our Debates, there are no Hopes of preserving our Peace, I persuade myself that the principal Reason on which we are to found our Resolution, is to consider closely with ourselves, whether it be probable that the King of the *Romans*, despairing of our Friendship, will join with the King of *France*, or that the Enmity between these Two Princes is so powerful and efficacious as to prevent any such Union : For if we could be secure from that Danger, I should make no Scruple of preferring the Friendship of the King of *France*,  
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because when our Forces are heartily united with his Troops for the common Defence, we shall easily protect our State; and it will be more honourable to continue our Confederacy with him, than to renounce it without any apparent Reason. Besides, it will be more laudable, and carry a better Aspect in the Sight of all Mankind, to enter into War with a professed Intention of preserving the Peace of *Italy*, than to join our Arms with those which we cannot but know are taken up with a Design to raise great Commotions and Disturbances. But presupposing the Danger of an Union, I cannot believe that any one will deny that we ought, by all Means, to prevent it; and, without Comparison, the most effectual Way would be to join with the King of the *Romans* against the King of *France*, rather than to wait till they unite together against us. But whether this Conjunction will take place or not, it is difficult to form any certain Judgment, because it depends not only on the Will of others, but on such a Multitude of Accidents, and Causes, as hardly leave it  
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in the Power of those whom it concerns, to know what Resolution is most proper to be taken; yet from what we can learn by Conjecture, and from what past Experience has taught us concerning Futurity, it appears to me a very hazardous Point, and justly to be dreaded by us. For it is more than probable that the King of the *Romans* will overcome all Difficulties, considering the ardent Desire of that Prince to pass into *Italy*, which it would not be easy for him to accomplish, unless he joins with the King of *France*, or with us; and tho' he should rather chuse to join with us, yet who can doubt that, if he were refused by us, he would not of Necessity agree with the King of *France*, having no other Way to attain the Completion of his Desires? On the Side of the King of *France*, there seem to be greater Difficulties to obstruct this Union, but they are not such as, in my Opinion, can promise us any Security; for he may be induced to take such a Resolution from Jealousy or Ambition, two powerful Incentives, and each of them often sufficient of itself to execute much

much greater Movements. He is well A. D:  
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informed of the pressing Importunities, with which the King of the *Romans* solicits our Union, and measuring, though falsely, our Intentions and Desires meerly by his own, may doubt that the Jealousy which we may entertain of being prevented by him, may induce us to prevent him; especially since he knows that we are well informed of what he and the King of the *Romans* have so long a time been treating together against us. He may also be apprehensive that we are incited by Ambition, since he cannot doubt that we are offer'd very large Shares; and what Means are sufficient to secure him from these Apprehensions? nothing being more apt to create Jealousy than the Increase of Dominion. It is possible also that he might be moved by Ambition, through the Desire which we know he has for the City of *Cremona*, which is excited in him and stimulated by the *Milaneſe*. Nor would he stop here, but the same covetous Ambition would induce him to seize on what formerly belonged to the *Visconti*, to which,

*A. D.* as well as to the rest of the Dutchy of  
<sup>1507.</sup> *Milan*, he pretends an hereditary Title,  
and which he can have no Hopes of obtaining but by joining with the King of the *Romans*; for our Republic is powerful in itself, and if we are attacked by the King of *France* alone, we shall always have it in our Power to join with *Maximilian*. And that this may possibly be in his Thoughts, or rather was never out of his Mind, we may rationally believe, because he never attempted to oppress us without this Union, which being the only Way that can conduct him to his desired End, ought we not to believe that at last he will attempt to effect it? Nor can our Fears be removed by considering that it would be an impolitic Resolution, for the Sake of Two or Three Cities, to introduce into *Italy* the King of the *Romans*, his natural Enemy, and from whom he can never meet with any thing else but Troubles and Wars, and no Friendship but what is uncertain, and even that uncertain Friendship must be procured and kept up by immense Sums of Money. For if he should entertain a Suspicion  
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that we shall unite with the King of the *Romans*, he will imagine that, by preventing us he shall not put himself in a State of Danger, but of Security. And though he should not be apprehensive of this Union, he will perhaps judge it necessary to confederate with *Cæsar*, in order to secure himself from the Troubles and Dangers which may arise from that Prince, assisted by *German* Auxiliaries, or other Adherents upon Occasion. And supposing that his Dominions may possibly be in a more dangerous State when the King of the *Romans* shall once begin to set footing in *Italy*, yet it is the common Nature of Men to be most afraid of Dangers that are nearest, to set a greater Estimate on Things present than is due to them, and to pay too little Regard to Things future, and at a Distance, on a Presumption that Time and Opportunity will afford us sufficient Remedies against future and remote Evils. But granting that this Union will not be for the Benefit of the King of *France*, does it follow that we may be secure that he will not engage himself in it? Can we be ignorant how Men

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*A. D.* are blinded, sometimes by Fear, some-  
*1507.* times by a covetous Ambition? Do we  
not know the Nature of the *French*?  
That they are quick and ready for new  
Enterprises, and that their Hopes of Suc-  
cess are never less than their Desires?  
Are we not apprised of the Encourage-  
ments and Offers, sufficient to rouse the  
most peaceable Disposition, by which  
their King has been stimulated against us  
by the *Milanese*, the Pope, the *Florentines*,  
the Duke of *Ferrara*, and the Marquis  
of *Mantoua*. All Men are not wise, nay  
very few are so; and he who takes upon  
him to foretel the Resolutions of another,  
must, if he has not a mind to be de-  
ceived, consider with himself not so  
much what a wise Man would probably  
do in the like Circumstance, as the na-  
tural Parts and Disposition of the Person  
who is to take these Resolutions. He,  
therefore, who would judge what the  
King of *France* will do, must not so  
much attend to the Duties which Pru-  
dence requires, as to the natural Temper  
of the *French*, who are remarkable for  
their Restlessness, Levity, and proceeding  
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with more Heat than Judgment in the general Course of their Undertakings. A. D.  
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He must take into his Consideration the natural Qualifications of great Princes, which are not like our own, nor so easily resist their Appetites as those of private Men. For, accustomed to be adored in their own Kingdoms, where even their Looks are understood and obeyed, they are not only haughty and insolent, but cannot bear to be disappointed of obtaining what they imagine to be their just Due. And whatever they desire appears to them as such, for they persuade themselves that they can level all Impediments with a Word, and surmount the Nature of Things. Nay, they reckon it a Shame not to indulge their Inclinations on account of Difficulties, commonly measuring Affairs of greater Moment with the same Rule by which they use to proceed in Matters of less Concern, conducting themselves not by Prudence and Reason, but by Will and Caprice. These Defects being so common amongst Princes in general, none will say that the *French* are exempt from them. Have

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we not fresh before our Eyes the Example of the Kingdom of *Naples*, half of which the King of *France*, induced by Ambition and the want of Consideration, consented should go to the King of *Spain*, that he himself might enjoy the other Half; not considering how much he weakened his own Power, which was then sole among all the *Italians*, by introducing into *Italy* a King of equal Power and Authority with himself? But what need have we to go by Conjectures in Things where we may have Certainty? Is it not known to every Body that the Cardinal of *Rouen* treated with this same *Maximilian* at *Trent*, about dividing our State? And what more certain than that this same Negotiation was afterwards concluded at *Blois*? And that the same Cardinal went into *Germany* on the same Business, and brought back with him the Ratification of *Cæsar* confirmed with his Oath? These Treaties had no Effect, I confess, on account of some intervening Difficulties; but who shall secure us that, since the principal Intention continues the same, some Means may not be

be found for removing those Difficulties which have hitherto disappointed them? A. D.  
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It is your Part now, most worthy Senators, diligently to consider the imminent Dangers, together with the Imputations and Reproaches that, in the Face of all the World, will be cast upon our Senate, so renowned for Prudence, if, making a wrong Estimate of the present Condition of Affairs, we should suffer others to make themselves formidable, to our Cost, with those Arms which are offered us for our Security and Advantage. Consider, I beseech you, for your Country's Sake, what mighty Difference there is between carrying a War into an Enemy's Territory, and waiting till it be brought home to your own Doors; between treating about dividing the States of others, and waiting till your own be divided; between joining in Company against one alone, and remaining alone against many in Company. For if these Two Kings join together against us, they will be followed by the Pope, on account of the Towns of *Romagna*, the King of *Aragon* will come in for the Ports of the Kingdom

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 1507. of *Naples*, and all *Italy*, some to recover what they have lost, others to secure what they possess. All the World knows what has been treating so many Years between the King of *France* and *Cæsar* against us. If we should, therefore, arm ourselves against one who has endeavoured to deceive us, none will cry out against us for Breach of Faith, but all will account us wise; and, to our great Commendation, we shall have the Pleasure to see that Distress and Misery fall upon him, which every one knows he was deceitfully contriving to bring upon us."

To this Speech *Andrea Gritti*, a Senator of great Worth, made the following Reply :

Speech of " IF it were proper, in a Matter of  
*Andrea* such Importance, to drop a dubious Ball \*,  
*Gritti.* I must

\* In the Original *rendere Voto nel Boffolo de' non Sinceri*; to understand which it must be noted, that among the *Venetians*, Resolutions of State are determined by Ballotting, that is, by casting little Balls of Linnen into Boxes. For this Purpose they have Three Urns or Boxes;



I must confess, most illustrious Senators, <sup>A. D.</sup> that would be my Inclination, because <sup>1507.</sup> there are so many Arguments on both Sides of the Question in Debate, that for my Part I am often confounded. It being necessary, however, to come to a Resolution, which is not to be done without some Foundation, or certain Suppositions to be first made, our Business is to weigh those Reasons which contradict one another, and to follow those which are most probable, and have the strongest Appearance of Success. When I examine these Reasons, I can by no Means comprehend why the King of *France*, either out of Apprehension of being prevented by us, or out of an ambitious Desire of those Towns that formerly belonged to the Dutchy of *Milan*, should

Boxes; One green for receiving the Balls of those who are for the Question, or for the Affirmative; a Second white, for the Reception of the Balls of those who are of the Negative Side; and the Third Box, which is red, contains the Balls of such as are dubious, or unsatisfied as to the Merits of the Cause, or when, as the *Latins* express it, *Non liquet*. These Boxes are joined together, under one Cover, which has an Aperture in the Middle, into which a Person may put his Hand, and drop his Ball into any One of the Three Boxes he pleases unperceived.


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*1507* } should enter into an Agreement with the  
King of the *Romans* to induce him to  
make an Expedition into *Italy* against us.  
For the Dangers and Losses he must  
sustain by such a Step, are, without doubt,  
greater and more manifest than the Dan-  
ger of our joining with *Cæsar*, or the  
Advantages that can be hoped from such  
a Resolution ; considering that, besides the  
Enmity and the vast Injuries they have  
suffered from one another, there is also  
a Competition of Dignity and States,  
which is wont to breed Strife and Hatred  
between the greatest Friends. To ima-  
gine, therefore, that the King of *France*  
will call into *Italy* the King of the *Ro-*  
*mans*, is the same as to say that, instead  
of a quiet Republic, which has ever been  
in Peace with him, and pretends to no  
Cause of Difference, he would chuse to  
have for his Neighbour a King, of a most  
restless Spirit, whom he has injured, and  
who has a Thousand Causes for contend-  
ing with him about Dignity and Domi-  
nion, as well as for Revenge. Let it not  
be said that, because the King of the *Ro-*  
*mans* is poor, irregular, and unlucky, the  
King

King of *France* has no Reason to be uneasy at his Vicinity : For the Memory of the antient Factions and Inclinations of the *Italians*, which is still kept up in many Parts, and especially in the Dutchy of *Milan*, is of such Influence, that a *Roman* Emperor can never set the least Footing in *Italy* but with great Danger to the Neighbourhood ; especially *Maximilian*, whose patrimonial State is contiguous to *Italy*, and is reputed a Prince of a great Spirit, and of much Skill and Experience in warlike Affairs, and keeps with him the Children of *Lodovico Sforza*, a powerful Motive with Multitudes to raise Disturbances ; not to mention that, in all the Wars which he may have at any time with the King of *France*, he may expect to have the Catholic King for his Ally, if for no other Reason, because they have both the same Successor \*. The King of *France* knows very well how powerful *Germany* is, and how much easier it will be to unite all that Nation, or Part of it, when once an Entrance

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\* *Charles V*, who succeeded *Maximilian* in the Empire, and *Ferdinando* in the Kingdom of *Spain*.

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litate the Victory in those Wars? It is *A. D.*  
more probable then that he will, for the *1507.*  
same Reason, now follow wholesome Advice, and his own Custom, rather than rash Counsels; and the more readily, since this Method will not leave him deprived of all manner of Hopes of obtaining his Ends at another Time, with greater Security, and a more favourable Opportunity, which Mortals are wont to promise themselves with too great Facility; because he who promises himself nothing but Changes and Revolutions in the Affairs of this World, is less mistaken than he that is persuaded of their Firmness and Stability. Nor am I terrified at what is said to have been negotiated at other times between these Two Kings. For it is the Custom of Princes in our Age artfully to entertain one another with vain Hopes, and dissembled Negotiations, which after a Course of many Years together having taken no Effect, must be construed to have been either fictitious, or to involve in them some Difficulty, which could not be resolved, because the Nature of the Things was repugnant to the Removal.



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removal of the Diffidence between the Parties, without which there can be no Foundation laid for Conjunction. I am not apprehensive, therefore, that the King of *France* will precipitate himself into such imprudent Resolutions out of an ambitious Desire of acquiring our Towns; much less, in my Judgment, will he take such violent Measures, on account of any Jealousies he may entertain of us; for, besides the long Experience he has had of our Disposition, as there have not been wanting many Provocations and many Opportunities to induce us to break off our Confederacy with him, the same Reasons will render us secure of him, render him in like manner secure of us. For nothing in the World can be more pernicious to our Republic than for a King of the *Romans* to have States in *Italy*, as well because of the Authority of the Empire, the Increase of which must always give us Umbrages, as also on account of the House of *Austria*, which pretends a Right to many of our Towns, and of the Vicinity of *Germany*, whose Inundations are too dangerous to  
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our Dominions ; we ought then to proceed with our usual Caution, since we are universally reputed to be very deliberate in our Resolutions, and are accused rather of Slowness than Speed. I do not deny but that these Affairs might take a Turn different from the Opinions of Men, and therefore that it would be a right Measure, if it were easy to be put in Practice, to secure ourselves against it. But since that is not to be done without exposing ourselves to extreme Dangers and Difficulties, we are to consider that vain Fears and Distrust are oftentimes as prejudicial as too much Confidence. For if we enter into a Confederacy with the King of the *Romans* against the King of *France*, the War must be commenced and prosecuted at our Expence ; besides which we must find Money to supply all the Prodigality and Extravagancies of that Prince ; for otherwise we would either come to an Agreement with our Enemies, or retire into *Germany*, leaving us encumbered with all the Burden and Danger of the War. We are then to manage a War against the most potent King of *France*,  
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bounding in valiant Men at Arms, and furnished, as much as any Prince whatever, with Plenty of Artillery, and whose Money would attract a Concourse of Soldiers from every Nation. How then can it be expected that such an Undertaking should be attended with a happy Success, since there is Reason also to suspect that all the Potentates of *Italy*, who either pretend that we are in possession of what belongs to them, or stand in fear of our Greatness, will join together against us; and the pope above all others, who, besides the Prejudices he has conceived against us, would be very sorry to see an Emperor become powerful in *Italy*, on account of the natural Antipathy between the Church and the Empire, by which the Popes stand in as much Dread of the Emperors in Temporals as of the *Turks* in Spirituals. And this Conjunction would perhaps be no less dangerous to us, than one between the King of *France* and the King of the *Romans*, of which we stand so much in fear. For when Princes who pretend to be equal unite, Jealousies

sies and Contentions will easily arise between one another, by which Means it often happens that those Enterprizes which were commenced with vast Expectations and Hopes of Success, become attended with a Multitude of Difficulties, and at last prove abortive. Nor ought we to postpone to all other Considerations, that tho' the King of *France* has indeed held Negotiations contrary to our Confederacy, yet it appears not from the Effects that he can be said to have failed us; and therefore to take up Arms against him, cannot be done without incurring the Reproach of violating our Faith, to which this Senate ought to pay the highest Regard, for the Honour and Service it does us in our daily Transactions with other Princes. Nor is it our Interest continually to increase an Opinion, that we seek to oppress all our Neighbours, and that we aspire at the Monarchy of *Italy*. And I wish to God that we had hitherto proceeded with more Caution, because most of the Jealousies to which we are obnoxious at present, arise from our having given too much Cause of Offence on this

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*A. D.* Head in Times past. It will never be  
*1507.* believed that our Fears excite us to a new  
War against the King of *France* our Ally,  
but an ambitious Desire of gaining from  
him, by Means of our Conjunction with  
the King of the *Romans*, some Part of  
the Dutchy of *Milan*, as we had before,  
in Conjunction with the King of *France*,  
gained a Part from *Lodovico Sforza*; at  
which Juncture, if we had conducted  
ourselves with more Moderation, and not  
stood too much in fear of groundless  
Jealousies, the Affairs of *Italy* would not  
have been in the present Agitations, the  
World would have entertained a higher  
Opinion of our Modesty and Gravity,  
and we should not now find ourselves  
fallen under an Obligation of entering  
into a War with one or the other of these  
Princes, either of whom is more power-  
ful than ourselves. But since we are re-  
duced to the present Necessity, I am of  
Opinion that it would be more prudent  
for us not to relinquish our Confederacy  
with the King of *France*, than from a  
Motive of vain Fears, or Expectations  
of uncertain and dangerous Gains, to  
enter



enter into a War which we are unable to sustain alone, and in which the Associates proposed will, in the End, be rather a Burden than a Help to us.”

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So great a Variety of Reasons on both Sides caused various Opinions in the Senate. But at last the most prevailing Argument with them was the Remembrance of that Inclination which they knew the King of the *Romans* had always shewn for recovering, at the first Opportunity, those Towns in their Possession, which appertained, as he pretended, either to the Empire or to the House of *Austria*.

They came to a Resolution, therefore, to grant him a Passage if he came without an Army, but to deny him one if he intended to come with an armed Force. And in their Answer to his Ambassadors they endeavoured, as much as possible, to persuade them that they were induced to come to this Conclusion more out of Necessity, on account of the Confederacy which subsisted between them and the King of *France*, and the Condition of the present Times, than from an

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*Venetian*  
Senate,  
and their  
Answer to  
*Maximilian*.

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IT was on these Considerations that the *Venetians* resolved not to enter into any new Confederacy or Obligations with the King of *France*, being desirous to intermeddle as little as possible in the War between them, in hopes perhaps that *Maximilian*, to avoid plunging himself in new  
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Difficulties, would let their Frontiers remain in Peace, and turn his Arms against the Duke of *Burgundy*, or the State of *Milan*. The King of the *Romans* now found himself cut off from all Hopes of getting the *Venetians* on his Side, and other Difficulties began to increase upon him, which he laboured to surmount by the Greatness of his Ideas, which always flattered him with Hopes that surpassed all Impediments. But the Execution of his Projects was greatly retarded for want of Money; for his own Treasury could not furnish him with a Sum sufficient to hire a Body of *Swiss*, and for so many other Expences; and as for the pecuniary Subsidies promised by the Diet, they were not enough to supply the least Part of an all-devouring War; and the Foundation on which from the Beginning he had built much of his Hopes, by flattering himself that the Communities and Powers of *Italy*, struck with the Terror of his Name and of his Coming, would be glad to make Composition with him, and to furnish him with Money, began every Day to discover more

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and more Signs of Weakness. For tho' at first the Inclinations of many of these States were disposed to assist him, yet the Resolutions of the Diet of *Constance* not answering the Expectations of the Public, that this Enterprize was immediately to be undertaken by the whole Empire, and by almost all *Germany* on their own Account, and every one observing the mighty Preparations of the King of *France*, with the new Declaration of the *Venetians*, all the *Italian* Powers stood in Suspense, and durst not assist him with any thing of which he stood most in Need, for fear of greatly offending the King of *France*. Nor did *Maximilian* make his Demands at a Time when they most dreaded his Power, nor were they so reasonable as to induce them to a ready Compliance. He demanded of every one, according to his Condition, high Contributions, and, particularly, an excessive Sum of *Alfonso* Duke of *Ferrara*, whom he pretended to be indebted to *Blanche* his Wife, for the Dowry of *Anne* her Sister, married to the Duke, and dead many Years. Of the *Florentines*, with whom he employed the

*Maximilian's* exorbitant Demands of the *Italians*.

the Cardinal of *Brescia*, who had the *A. D.*  
Management of his Affairs at *Rome*, to *1507.*  
treat with them about their Composition,  
he made the intolerable Demand of Five  
Hundred Thousand Ducats; which ex-  
orbitant Imposition confirmed them in  
their Resolution of temporizing with him,  
and waiting to see the further Progress of  
his Affairs. But as they were cautious  
of incurring his Displeasure, they excused  
themselves from sending their Troops to  
the King of *France*, who demanded them,  
alledging that they could not spare them,  
because they were employed in laying  
waste the Country of the *Pisans*, against  
whom they had made great Preparations  
that Year; for as the *Genoese* and other  
neighbouring States were afresh preparing  
to assist that People, they were under a  
Necessity of standing perpetually on their  
Guard against them.

CÆSAR, therefore, being disappointed  
in his Design of obtaining Money from  
the *Italians*, for he only got Six Thou-  
sand Ducats from the *Senese*, made In-  
stances to the Pope that his Holiness  
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*1507.* } would at least allow him to take the Hundred Thousand Ducats which had been collected in *Germany* under the Name of a War against the *Turks*, and were for that Purpose repositied in that Country, and could not, without Leave of the Apostolic See, be converted to any other Use. He offered, at the same time, that, tho' he could not comply with the Request of his Holiness, of passing into *Italy* without an Army, yet as soon as he had restored to the Dutchy of *Milan* the Children of *Lodovico Sforza*, the Patronage of whom, he pretended, he had undertaken, in order to render the People of that State more favourable to him, and his Passage less obnoxious, he would leave all his Army in that Dutchy, and take his Progress to *Rome* without an armed Force, to receive the Imperial Crown. But in this Demand he was likewise denied by the Pope, who seemed not to incline to either Side, and remonstrated that, in the present State of Affairs, he could not, without great Danger, provoke the Arms of the King of *France* against himself.

MAXIMILIAN, however, surrounded with these Difficulties, as he was industrious, confident, and resolutely bent to compass his Ends, whatever Pains it might cost him, omitted nothing that might continue the Report of his Passage, sending Artillery into several Places on the Borders of *Italy*, and carrying on his Negotiation for hiring Twelve Thousand *Swiss*; but that Nation interposing various Demands, and proposing many Exemptions, had not yet given him any certain Resolution. He continued also his Sollicitations for all the Troops promised him, and posting in Person every Day from one Place to another, on various Expeditions, so puzzled the Conjectures of the Public, that through all *Italy* there was never known such a Diversity of Judgments on any Affair, some forming vaster Ideas than ever of this Enterprize, whilst others judged it to be rather declining than advancing. This Uncertainty he augmented by his own Management, for being very reserved by Nature, he never communicated his Thoughts to others,

A. D. 1507. others, and that they might be a greater Secret to *Italy*, he ordered that the Pope's Legate and the other *Italians* should be removed to a Place at some distance from him, and closely watched.

THE Feast of *San Gallo*, the Term appointed for assembling the Troops, was now come ; but a very small Part of them appeared at the Rendezvous at *Constance*, nor were there scarce any other Preparations to be seen but moving of Artillery, and the extraordinary Hurry and Diligence of *Cæsar* in collecting of Money by different Means ; whence it was uncertain with what Force, or at what Time, or to what Quarter he designed to direct his Motions, whether to enter *Friuli*, or, by the Way of *Trent*, into the *Veronese* ; some imagining that he would make an Invasion into the Dutchy of *Milan*, through *Savoy*, or by the Way of *Como*, because he was attended by many Exiles of that State ; nor was it certain whether he would not make a Motion towards *Burgundy* : Wherefore powerful Provisions were made against him

him in different Places where there was an Apprehension of his Approach. The King of *France* had sent a great Number of Horse and Foot into the Dutchy of *Milan*, and, besides other Preparations for the Defence of that State, had, with the Catholic King's Permission, of which *Maximilian* made heavy Complaints, enlisted Two Thousand Five Hundred *Spanish* Foot in the Kingdom of *Naples*. *Chaumont*, at the same time, doubting of the Fidelity of the *Borrromei*, had suddenly seized on *Arona*, a Castle belonging to that Family on the *Lago Maggiore*. Into *Burgundy* were sent Five Hundred Lances under *La Tremouille*, Governor of that Province; and, to divert the Thoughts and Forces of *Cæsar* into several Parts at once, the King was continually aiding and encouraging the Duke of *Guelderland*, who was infesting the Country of *Charles*, *Cæsar's* Grandson. Besides all this, he had ordered *Gianjacopo da Trivulzi*, with Four Hundred French Lances and Four Thousand Foot to *Verona*, for the Assistance of the *Venetians*, who had formed a Camp towards *Rovere*,  
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under Count *Pitigliano*, of Five Hundred Men at Arms and a good Body of Foot, to watch the Motions of the Enemy about *Trent*; and into *Friuli* they had sent Eight Hundred Men at Arms under *Bartolomeo Alviano*, who was not long before returned into their Service.

BUT the Danger first discovered itself in a Part where it was not expected; for *Polbattista Giustiniano*, and *Fregosino*, two *Genoese* Exiles, conducted to *Gazzuolo*, a Town of *Lodovico da Gonzaga*, which was a Fief of the Empire, One Thousand *German* Foot, who suddenly passed, with incredible Speed, over the mountainous and rugged Parts of the *Venetian* Dominions, with an Intent to cross the *Po*, and make their Way, through the Mountains of *Parma*, towards *Genoa*. But *Chaumont*, suspecting their Design, immediately ordered a good Body of Horse and Foot to *Parma* to oppose them on the Road; on which the *Germans*, losing all Hopes of surprising *Genoa*, returned back to *Germany*, but not with the like Speed or Hazard; for the *Venetians*, consulting the



the common Welfare, tacitly consented to their free Return. At the same time a great Number of *Genoese* Exiles were known to have been in the City of *Bologna*, which made the King of *France* very suspicious that this Affair had been concerted with the Knowledge of the Pope, of whose Inclinations he was jealous on many other Accounts. For the Cardinal of *Santa Croce*, encouraged *Cæsar*, though more out of his own Inclination, than for any other Motive, to make a Descent into *Italy*; and, on the other hand, the Exiles of *Forli*, having marched out of *Faenza*, and attempted to enter *Forli* by Night, the Pope complained that the Design had been concerted between the King of *France* and the *Venetians*. To this it might be added, that a certain Friar, being imprisoned at *Mantoua*, confessed that he had treated with the *Bentivogli* about poisoning the Pope, and that some, employed by *Ckaumont*, had encouraged him to execute what he had promised the *Bentivogli*. The Pope, therefore, having his Examination drawn up in an authentic Form and Manner, dispatched

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Plot against the Pope's Life.

*A. D.* 1507. dispatched *Achille de' Grassi*, a *Bolognese*, Bishop of *Pesaro*, and afterwards Cardinal, to carry it to the King, and to make Instances that the Truth might be found out, and the Guilty punished for their Villainies. The principal Person concerned was suspected to be *Alessandro Bentivoglio*, who was by the King's Order summoned to *France*.

THESE Transactions, and this dubious State of Affairs, put an End to the Year 1507. But at the Beginning of 1508, the inconstant Temper of the *Bolognese* not suffering them to rest in Peace, *An nibale* and *Ernes Bentivoglii*, holding a Correspondence with some young Gentlemen of the Family of the *Pepoli*, and other Noble Youths, on a sudden presented themselves before *Bologna*, which endangered that City; for the Conspirators had before seized on the Gate of *St. Mammolo*, by which the *Bentivogli* were to enter the Town; but the People running to Arms, in favour of the Ecclesiastic State, the young Noblemen were intimidated, and abandoned the Gate, on which

The *Bentivogli* attempt to enter *Bologna*.

which the *Bentivogli* retired. This In-  
 sult rather mitigated than exasperated the  
 Spirit of the Pope against the King of  
*France*; for the King, to shew that he  
 was much disturbed at this audacious  
 Attempt, commanded *Chaumont* to be  
 ready upon every Occasion to send all  
 his Men at Arms to the Assistance of the  
 present Establishment of *Bologna*, and not  
 suffer the *Bentivogli* to harbour any longer  
 in any Part of the Dutchy of *Milan*.  
 About this Time *Giovanni Bentivoglio*  
 died of a broken Heart, having never  
 been accustomed, before his Expulsion  
 from *Bologna*, to bear the Frowns of  
 Fortune; he had, for a long time, been  
 accounted the most happy of all the Ty-  
 rants of *Italy*, and an Example of Pro-  
 sperity. For during the Space of Forty  
 Years, in which he governed *Bologna* at  
 his own Discretion, he never had occa-  
 sion to mourn the Death of any one in  
 his Family. During this time he got  
 conferred on himself and his Sons military  
 Commands, Appointments, and extra-  
 ordinary Honours from all the Princes of  
*Italy*; and always extricated himself with  
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 Character  
 of *Giovan-  
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 voglio*.

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1508 } the greatest Ease from any difficult or dangerous Affair. For this happy Success he seems principally beholden to Fortune, together with the commodious Situation of his City, being himself generally reputed a Person of no extraordinary Talents for Wit, Wisdom. or any other valuable Accomplishment \*.

IN the Beginning of this same Year, *Cæsar*, not chusing to defer any longer his entering upon Action, sent a Herald to *Verona*, to notify his Design of passing into *Italy* to receive the Imperial Crown, and to demand Quarters for Four Thousand Horse. To this Message the Governors of *Verona*, after first consulting the *Venetian* Senate on that Demand, returned for Answer, that if his Majesty had no other Motive for his Passage but to get himself crowned, they should be ready to pay him the highest Honours :  
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\* *Giovio* says, that *Giov. Bentivoglio* ruled *Bologna* above Thirty Years, and lived to above Seventy ; and that as to his own Qualifications, he seemed worthy to govern that City, if his Sons, who were avaricious, injurious, proud, and cruel, had not incited their Father to dangerous and disorderly Acts of tyrannical Insolence.

But that it appeared, from Matters of *A. D.*  
 Fact, that he had other Motives than *1508.*  
 what he owned; since he had conducted  
 to their Frontiers an Army, provided  
 with all manner of warlike Stores, and a  
 Train of Artillery. *Maximilian*, in the  
 mean time, being arrived at *Trent*, in  
 order to open the Campaign, on the 3d  
 of *February* ordered a solemn Procession,  
 at which he attended in Person, the  
 Heralds of the Empire marching before  
 him, and the Imperial Sword carried  
 naked. After him in the Train came  
*Matteo Lango*, afterwards Bishop of *Gurce*,  
 his Secretary, who from a raised Place  
 made Proclamation in the Name of *Cæsar*,  
 of his Resolution to pass into *Italy* in a  
 hostile Manner, no longer naming him  
 King of the *Romans*, but Emperor Elect,  
 according to the Custom of the Kings of  
 the *Romans*, when they go to receive the  
 Crown. *Cæsar* ordered that no Person  
 should go out of *Trent* that Day, and com-  
 manded a great Quantity of Bread to be  
 baked, which, with a vast deal of other  
 Provisions, and Wood for making Palli-  
 sades and Gabions, he sent down the  
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River *Adice*, on a great Number of Rafts. The next Morning, a little before Break of Day, he marched out of *Trent*, with Fifteen Hundred Horfe and Four Thousand Foot, not of those Troops that were granted him by the Diet, but of his own Guards, and of those levied in his own Dominions, and took the Road that leads over the Mountains to *Vicenza*. At the same time the Marquis of *Brandenburg*, with Five Hundred Horfe and Two Thousand Foot, all raised in his own Country, marched towards *Rovere*. But the next Day *Brandenburg* came back again, having done nothing more than presented himself before *Rovere*, and demanded Quarters, which were denied him. *Cæsar* however being entered upon the Mountain of *Siago*, the Foot of which is about Twelve Miles distant from *Vicenza*, took the Towns of the Seven Communities, that being the Denomination of those People who dwell on the Top of the Mountain, and who enjoy many Privileges and Exemptions from the *Venetians*, and having levelled abundance of Trenches which the Inhabitants had cut to defend them-

themselves, and obstruct his Passage, he A. D. 1508. ordered some Pieces of Cannon to be brought thither. Here he tarried in Expectation of better Success, till on the Fourth Day after his Departure from *Trent*, he suddenly marched back to *Bolzano*, a Town more remote than *Trent* from the Borders of *Italy*, leaving all People in Amazement at his Fickleness, and ill-digested Counsels.

THIS poor and weak Effort of *Maximilian*, at his first setting out, raised the Spirits of the *Venetians*, who, besides enlisting a good Number of Foot, and sending for the *French* Troops which were at *Verona*, under the Command of *Trivulzio*, to come to *Rovere*, were intent on making greater Preparations, and stimulated the King of *France* to do the same. *Lewis* was marching towards *Italy*, and had sent before him Five Thousand *Swiss* in his own Pay, and Three Thousand who were to be paid by the *Venetians*. For that Nation, *Maximilian* having no Money to give them, were easily persuaded to lett themselves to the *French*;

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1508. and yet, after they had been entered, and received their Pay, they refused to march into the *Venetian* Dominions, protesting that they would not serve against *Cæsar* on any other Occasion than in the Defence of the Dutchy of *Milan*.

A GREATER Movement, of more unhappy Consequence, and designed as a Prelude to Events of much greater Importance, was making in *Friuli*. In this Country *Cæsar* ordered Four Hundred Horse and Five Thousand Foot, all raised in his County of *Tirol*, to make an Invasion, by way of the Mountains. This Body of Troops entered the Valley of *Cadoro*, and took the Castle and the Fort, together with the small Garrison, and the *Venetian* Governor. On Advice of this Motion at *Venice*, the Senate ordered *Alviano*, and *Giorgio Cornaro* the Proveditor, who were in the *Vicentine*, to march immediately to succour that Country. And the more to harrafs the Enemy on that Side, they ordered Four light Gallies, and other Vessels, to sail towards *Trieste*. At the same time *Maximilian*, who had  
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removed from *Bolzano* to *Bruneck*, turned off to the Road of *Friuli*, for the Convenience of the Passes, and that he might have room to extend himself, with Six Thousand Foot raised out of the Country; then passing hastily through some Valleys, that were above Forty Miles within the Borders of the *Venetians*, he came into the Valley of *Cadoro*, whence he took the Road to *Trevigi*, and leaving behind him the Castle of *Bostauro*, which then belonged to the Patriarchate of *Aquilea*, he took the Castle of *St. Martino*, that of *Pieve*, and a Valley defended by the Counts *Savignani*, and other Places in that Neighbourhood. After this Progress, more becoming a Partisan than a King, he left Orders for his Troops to proceed towards the *Trevisan*, and at the End of *February* returned to *Inspruck* to pawn his Jewels, and make other Provisions for raising Money, which as he rather squandered than expended, no Quantity was sufficient to answer his Necessities. But understanding by the Way that the *Swiss* had accepted the Pay of the King of *France*, it raised his Indignation against

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Maximilian's Exploits in *Friuli*.

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*A. D.* them, and he went to *Ulm*, a City of  
*1508.* *Swabia*, with a Design to induce the  
*Swabian* League to lend him Assistance,  
as they had done, on another Occasion, in  
a War against the *Swiss*. He made In-  
stances also to the Electors that he might  
have the Time for which the Auxiliaries  
were promised him in the Diet of *Con-*  
*stance* prolonged for another Six Months.  
In the mean time the Troops which he  
had left at *Trent*, to the Number of Nine  
Thousand, between Horse and Foot, af-  
ter Three Days Siege, took the Castle  
of *Bajocco*, which surrendered at Discre-  
tion. This Castle is situated over-against  
*Rovere*, and lies on the right Hand of the  
great Road from *Trent* to *Italy*, the Ri-  
ver *Adice* passing between the Castle and  
*Rovere*.

ALVIANO put himself in Motion to  
succour *Friuli* with all possible Expedition,  
and having passed the Mountains, which  
were covered with Snow, after Two Days  
he arrived near *Cadoro*, where he waited  
for his Foot, which had not been able to  
keep pace with him. He possessed him-  
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self of a Pass, unguarded by the *Germans*, A. D.  
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 by which he entered into the Valley of *Cadoro*; and the People of the Country, who chose to remain under the *Venetian* Government, taking Courage at his Arrival, seized on the Passes of the Valley, by which the *Germans* might have retreated. They seeing themselves inclosed, had no Hopes of saving themselves but by their Arms; and, judging that *Alviano* would receive Reinforcements every Day, put themselves in Order, and marched with the greatest Animosity and Resolution to encounter him. *Alviano* not refusing to engage, there began between them a most cruel Battle, in which the *Germans* fought desperately, more with a Desire of dying gloriously, than in hopes of saving themselves; and casting themselves into one great Battalion, and placing their Women in the Middle, maintained the Fight stoutly for some Hours, but were at last forced to yield to the Numbers and Bravery of their Enemies, and were totally defeated, above a Thousand of them being killed on the Spot, and the rest made Prisoners.

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 AFTER this Victory *Alviano* attacked the Castle of *Cadoro* in Two Places, and took it. In the Assault *Carlo Malatesta*, one of the former Lords of *Rimini*, was killed by a Stone thrown from a Tower. The General improving the Opportunity, led his Army to *Portonavone*, which he took, and afterwards *Cremonsa*, situate on a Hill. After this he laid Siege to *Goritz*, situated at the Foot of the *Julian Alps*, strong by the Nature of the Place, well fortified, and with a Castle on a Place of difficult Ascent. *Alviano*, after making himself Master of the Bridge, planted his Batteries against the Town, which surrendered the Fourth Day upon Articles, the Garrison being in want of Arms, Water and Provisions. The Town being taken, the Governor of the Castle with his Garrison, on the Receipt of Four Thousand Ducats, gave up that Fortrefs. This Place the *Venetians* immediately fortified with many new Works, because it was in Nature of a Bulwark against the *Turks*, and a Barrier to prevent their passing the River *Lisentio*, for by the  
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• Takes *Goritz*, *Trieste*, &c.

Commodiousness of its Situation it could <sup>A. D.</sup> easily intercept their Retreat. After the <sup>1508.</sup> taking of *Goritz* the General laid Siege to *Trieste*, which was at the same time attacked by Sea, and easily took it, but not without displeasing the King of *France*, who was not for provoking the King of the *Romans* too far. But the Place, by its Situation, and Command of the Gulf of *Venice*, lying very convenient for the Commerce of the *Venetians*, they were willing to take the Benefit of their good Fortune, and flushed with their Prosperity, were determined to pursue their Victory; and therefore, after they had made themselves Masters of *Trieste* and its Castle, they took *Portonone*, and then *Fiume*, a Town of *Sclavonia* opposite to *Ancona*; this Place they burnt, because it was a Receptacle for Ships that sailed in the *Adriatic* without paying the Duties required of them. The Army afterwards passed the *Alps*, and made themselves Masters of *Possionia*, a Town on the Borders of *Hungary*.

THESE were the Transactions in  
*Friuli*;

*A. D.* *Friuli* ; but on the Side towards *Trent*  
 1508. the *German* Army was arrived at *Calliano*,  
 { Operati- a Town rendered famous by the Defeat  
 ons of of the *Venetians* above Twenty Years be-  
 War on fore near that Place, when *Roberto da*  
 the Side of *Trent*. *Sanseverino*, a very celebrated General of  
 their Army, was killed. Here they at-  
 tacked Three Thousand Foot of the  
*Venetians*, commanded by *Jacopo Corso*,  
*Dionigi di Naldo*, and *Vitello da Citta di*  
*Castello*, who were appointed to guard  
*Monte Brettonico* ; and tho' that Post was  
 pretty well fortified, they immediately  
 abandoned it, and fled to a neighbouring  
 Mountain. The *Germans* justly deriding  
 the Cowardice of the *Italian* Infantry, af-  
 ter burning many Cottages, and levelling  
 the Trenches on the Side of the Moun-  
 tain, returned to *Calliano*. Encouraged  
 by this Success, the Bishop of *Trent*, with  
 Two Thousand Militia, and Part of the  
 Troops that were at *Calliano*, went and  
 laid Siege to *Riva di Trento*, a Castle  
 situated on the *Lago di Garda*, in which  
*Trivulzio* had placed a sufficient Garri-  
 son. After he had battered the Church  
 of *San Francesco* for Two Days, and in  
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the mean time made some Incurfions into the Villages about *Lodrone*, Two Thou-  
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 sand *Grisons* that were in the *German* Army, fell into a Mutiny on account of a finall Difpute about their Pay, and plundered the Provisions of the Camp. Hence every thing falling into Diforder, and almost all the *Grisons* abandoning the Service, the reft of the Army, confifting of Seven Thousand Men, were obliged to retire. Their Retreat encouraged the *Venetians* to make Incurfions to the neighbouring Places, but Three Thousand of their Foot going to burn fome Villages belonging to Count *d' Agresto*, were put to flight by the Peafants, and about Three Hundred of them killed. After the Retreat of the *Germans* from *Riva*, almost all the Troops separated, and the Cavalry, in number Twelve Hundred, retired from their Quarters at *Calliano* to *Trent*. On Eaſter Day in the Morning the *Venetians* made an Attack on *Pietra*, a Place Six Miles diſtant from *Trent*; but the *German* Troops that were in *Trent* coming to relieve it, the *Venetians* retired, and attacked the Caſtle of *Creſta*, a Paſs of  
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 Importance, which surrendered before any Succours from *Trent* could arrive. But the *Germans*, who had re-establish'd their Infantry, returned with One Thousand Horse and Six Thousand Foot to their Quarters at *Calliano*, which is distant a Bow-shot from *Pietra*; where Two Hundred Horse of the Duke of *Wirtemberg* quitted them. The *Venetians*, with Four Thousand Horse and Sixteen Thousand Foot, were come to lay Siege to *Pietra*, and had erected a Battery of Sixteen Pieces of Cannon.

*Siege of Pietra.* *Pietra* is a Castle situated at the Foot of a Mountain, on the right Hand as you go from *Rovere* to *Trent*. From this Castle runs a Wall of sufficient Strength the Length of a Bow-shot, which joins to the Banks of the *Adice*, and has in the Middle a Gate; he that is not Master of this Pass, cannot without Difficulty distress *Pietra*. The Armies encamped a Mile distant from one another, each having in Front the Castle and Wall, on one Flank the River *Adice*, on the other Mountains, and at their Back secure Places of Retreat. And because the *Germans* were in possession

possession of the Castle and Wall, they <sup>A. D.</sup> had it in their Power to force the *Venetian* <sup>1508.</sup> Army to a Battle whenever they pleased, but could not be forced by them to fight. However, being much inferior in Number, they durst not try the Fortune of the Field, but only attended to the Defence of the Castle from the Attack of the Enemy, who plied their Battery against it. But one Day observing that the Cannon of the Besiegers were negligently guarded, they took the Opportunity, and making a Sally, furiously attacked the Battery, and routing the Foot that guarded it, bravely carried off two Pieces of Cannon. The *Venetians* therefore being disheartened, and judging that it would be Folly to continue the Siege, in which they had lost abundance of Men, drew off and retired to *Rovere*. The *Germans* also retired to *Trent*, and in a few Days most of them dispersed. The Troops of the Diet, which came some quicker, some slower, and never amounted all together to Four Thousand effective Men, after they had served out their Six Months, returned to their own Habitations,

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*1508* } tions, as did the greater Part of the Militia, which had been raised about *Trent*, *Cadoro*, and the adjacent Countries.

MAXIMILIAN was all this while employed in going from Place to Place to make Provisions for his various Projects, and therefore could not be present at these Operations. He prorogued the Diet of *Ulm* to a more convenient Season, and overwhelmed with Confusion, Shame, and Perplexity, took a Progress towards *Cologne*, none knowing for several Days where to find him. He was unable with his own Forces to stand the Shock, having lost all that he had in *Friuli*, with other neighbouring Towns, and found himself abandoned by every Body, and in danger of losing *Trent*, if the *French* had been willing to join the *Venetian* Army, and act offensively. But *Trivulzio* had Orders from the King, who was determined rather to pacify than provoke the King of the *Romans*, not to carry the military Operations any farther than was necessary for the Defence of the *Venetians*:

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CÆSAR, in this desolate State, willing by any means to retrieve his Affairs from their dangerous Situation, had, immediately after the Defeat at *Cadoro*, sent *Preluca*, one of his Gentlemen, to *Venice*, to demand a Truce for three Months; but his Demand was slighted by the Senate, who were not disposed to make a Truce for less than a whole Year, nor in any Manner at all unless the King of *France* were also comprehended in it. But his Disasters increasing, *Trieſte* being lost, and his Affairs running to Ruin, the Bishop of *Trent*, as of his own Motion, solicited a Truce of the *Venetians*, proposing it as a Foundation on which, it was to be hoped, they might hereafter establish a Peace. The *Venetians* answered, that since the Affair was not now proposed as to them alone, but in such a Manner that the King of *France* might be included, they were not averse to a Negotiation. This favourable Disposition produced a Treaty at *Trent*, where Conferences were held between the Bishop of that City and *Seren-tano*, Secretary to *Maximilian* on his Part,

*Trivulzio*

*Cæſar demands a Truce of the Venetians.*

*This Congress at Trent.*

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*1508.* *Trivulzio* and *Charles Geoffroy*, President of the Senate of *Milan*, this last sent thither by *Chaumont*, on the Part of the King of *France*; and *Zacharia Contarino* the *Venetian* Minister. They all easily agreed on some Articles, as that the Truce required should continue for Three Years; that each Party should keep what he had in possession at present, with Liberty to build and fortify on the Places each had acquired. But the Difficulty was, that the *French* would have the Peace to be a general one, including the Confederates which each Party had out of *Italy*, and particularly the Duke of *Guelderland*, which was a Point very obstinately rejected by the Agents of *Maximilian*, who was fully bent on the Destruction of that Duke. They pleaded that the War was only in *Italy*, and therefore it was neither fit nor necessary to treat of any thing but the Affairs of that Country. The *Venetians* used all their Endeavours to procure Satisfaction to the King of *France*, but finding the *Germans* inflexible, they were inclined to accept of the Truce on the Terms to which the other had



had consented; for they wanted to get rid of a War which was wholly confined to their own Dominions, and they were willing to establish themselves, by means of the Three Years Truce, in the Possession of those Towns which they had conquered during the Quarrel. They excused themselves to the *French* with a very true Reason, which was, that since neither of the contracting Parties were obliged to any thing more than a mutual Defence of their States in *Italy*, which indeed was the real Foundation of this Confederacy, it did not belong to the Senate to concern themselves about ultramontane Dominions, which, as they were not bound to defend with their Arms, they were as little obliged to think of securing by a Truce. In order to end the Controversy, *Trivulzio* sent an Express with an Account to *France*, and the *Venetians* to *Venice*. An Answer came from the Senate that, if a Truce could not be effected otherwise, they should conclude it for *Italy* only, reserving a Time and Place for the Accession of the King of *France*. But neither *Trivulzio* nor the President would give their Con-

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Truce between  
Maximilian and  
the Venetians.

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*A. D.* sent, but made bitter Complaints that a  
*1508.* Treaty should be signed without so much  
as waiting for the King's Answer. The  
President remonstrated, that a common  
Undertaking ought not to be finished but  
by common Consent, and complained of  
the little Respect shown to the Friendship  
and Alliance of his Sovereign. The  
*Venetians*, however, were not to be dis-  
suaded by these Remonstrances from sign-  
ing the Truce with *Maximilian*, the Con-  
tract running simply in their own proper  
Names, with an Agreement that, on the  
Part of *Maximilian* should be named, and  
taken for included and named, the  
Pope, the Catholic King, the Kings of  
*England* and *Hungary*, and all the Princes  
and Subjects of the Holy Empire in every  
Place ; together with all the Confederates  
of *Maximilian* and of the forementioned  
Kings, and States of the Empire which  
should be named within Three Months ;  
and, on the Part of the *Venetians*, were  
included the King of *France*, and the  
Catholic King, with all the Friends and  
Confederates of the *Venetians*, of the  
King of *France*, and of the Catholic  
King,

King, in *Italy* only, and to be named within Three Months. This Truce was agreed to, on the 20th Day of *April*, and very speedily ratified by the King of the *Romans* and the *Venetians*, and they laid down their Arms, giving hopes that *Italy* would for some time enjoy the Benefit of this Tranquillity.

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THE Wars now ceasing by Virtue of the Truce, the King of *France* imagining that the *Florentines* had not been heartily affected to his Interest, but rather disposed to take part with *Cæsar*; if he had met with Success in the Beginning of his Undertaking; and being sensible that the Ground of their Dissatisfaction was no other than an extreme Desire of recovering *Pisa* by any Means, and an angry Resentment that his Majesty, paying no Regard to their Devotion and Services, was so far from favouring them with his Arms or Authority, that he suffered the *Genoese*, his Subjects, to assist the *Pisans*; resolved to think on some Method by which they might obtain their Desire in an honourable Way. But not forgetting to consult his

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own Profit, which was the first Point he had in View, and judging that Fear would prevail with them to open their Purfes sooner than Hope, he dispatched away *Michele Riccio* to *Florence*, to make his Complaints ; representing that he was informed of their having deputed proper Persons to make an Agreement with *Cæsar*, his Enemy ; that, under pretence of laying waste the Territory of the *Pisans*, they had assembled a powerful Army, without any Regard to the Condition of the Times, and the Jealousies and Dangers in which his Majesty was then involved ; that at so critical a Season, and amidst such great Motions and Preparations, they had always declined to make a full and positive Declaration of their Intentions, by which they had given his Majesty just Cause to doubt of their Designs in making these Preparations ; that when they were solicited by the King to assist him with their Troops in so dangerous a Juncture, they had refused him, contrary to his Expectation : That however, from the Love he had constantly born to their Republic, and in Remembrance

brance of the Services he had received <sup>A. D. 1508.</sup> from them in Times past, he was ready to pardon those late Offences, provided only that, in order to remove all Causes by which the Peace of *Italy* might be disturbed, they would not for the future molest the *Pisans* without his Consent.

To these Complaints the *Florentines* made Answer, that they were induced by Necessity to send a Deputation to *Cæsar*, not with an Intention to enter into an Agreement with him against the King, but from a sollicitous Concern, in case *Maximilian* should make a Descent into *Italy*, of securing their own Dominions, which his Majesty, in the Stipulations he had made with them, would not oblige himself to defend against *Cæsar*, but had taken care to have expressly mentioned in them the Clause *Saving the Rights of the Empire*; and yet they had entered into no Convention with *Cæsar*: That his Majesty had no just Reason to complain of the Army sent against the *Pisans*, for it consisted of no more than a moderate Number of Men as usual, and was sent



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*1508.* into the Field with no other Intention than to prevent, as they had frequently done, the Enemies Harvest, and consequently could afford no just Cause of Suspicion: That this, together with the Assistances given to the *Pisans* by the *Genoese* and other neighbouring States, were the true Reasons why they had not sent their Forces to join those of the King; and tho' they were not obliged to do it, yet, out of that constant Devotion they bear to his Majesty's Name, if it had lain in their Power, they would not have omitted to have given him this Testimony of their Attachment, even without being asked: That they were surprised beyond measure that the King should desire them not to molest the *Pisans*, whom in comparison of the *Florentines* he had no Reason to love and esteem, if he pleased to remember how they had acted against him in the Rebellion of the *Genoese*: That his Majesty could not in Justice prohibit them from making War with the *Pisans*, because it was expressly allowed in the Confederacy they had made with him. From these Beginnings arose an  
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Occasion to treat about finding out some A. D. 1508.  
 Means for inducing the *Pisans* to return Treaty of restoring Pisa to the Florentines.  
 under the Dominion of the *Florentines*.  
 And it was imagined this might be compassed by taking proper Care that the *Genoese* and *Lucchese* should lend them no Succours in their present Extremities, when they were distressed for want of Provisions, and their Forces so weak, that they durst not any longer venture without the Walls of the City; and their Peasants, who more numerous than the Citizens, were discontented at the Loss of their Harvest. And indeed they could not have hitherto supported themselves, had it not been for some Supplies of Money from the *Genoese* and *Lucchese*, which those who had the Management of Affairs in *Pisa* disposed of; partly in keeping some foreign Soldiers in Pay, and distributing the rest among the resolute Youth of the Citizens and Peasants, who by their armed Force struck a Terror into those who desired an Agreement with the *Florentines*, and by that Means preserved the City in Peace.

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THIS Negotiation, begun by the most Christian King, was promoted by the Authority of his Catholic Majesty, who was jealous of its taking Effect without him. Wherefore as soon as he was informed that *Michele Riccio* was set out for *Florence*, he dispatched thither an Ambassador, who called first at *Pisa*, and in the Name of the King his Master, animated and encouraged the Inhabitants to hold out and defend themselves, expecting by their Obstinacy in yielding, to sell them at a higher Rate. The Discussion of the Cause was soon after, by Consent of both Kings, transferred to the Court of *France*, where his Catholic Majesty, without any Regard to his Protection so often assured, earnestly solicited the Conclusion of the Affair. For he knew that *Pisa*, being without Defence, must of Necessity fall into the Hands of the *Florentines*: Besides he was not willing to involve himself at present in new Broils and Contentions, especially without the Approbation of the King of *France*; for tho' he had, immediately on his Arrival in *Spain*, resumed  
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the Government of *Castile*, he had not fully established his Authority, on account of the Disaffection of several of the *Grande*s, and because *Maximilian* had not given his Consent in the Name of his Nephew. But as for the Affairs of the *Pisans*, after a tedious Negotiation in *France*, many Difficulties arising, and each of the two Kings seeking to appropriate the Price of the Sale to himself, the Treaty broke off without coming to a Resolution \*.

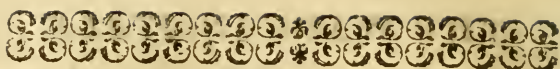
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\* The Avarice of the two Kings was the Cause that *Pisa* was not restored to the *Florentines*, who were, however, prepared to disburse the Money if each King had not claimed a greater Share than the other. The Treaty now broke off was afterwards resumed and brought to a Conclusion on the Fourteenth of *March* in the following Year. *Porcacchi*.

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T H E C O N T E N T S.

*Reasons which induced several Potentates to take up Arms against the Venetians. League of Cambray, and Commencement of the War. Defeat of Alviano in the Ghiaradadda. Loss of the Venetian Dominions on the Terra firma. Venetians humble themselves to Cæsar. Pisans submit to the Florentines. Venetians under Conduct of Gritti recover Padoua, which is afterwards besieged by Cæsar. King of France departs out of Italy. War in Friuli; and against Ferrara, in which the Venetian Armament under the Conduct of Trivisano is routed on the River Po.*  
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Cæsar and the King of Castile enter into  
a Convention. Venetians absolved by the  
Pope from their Interdict. A. D.  
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THE Disorders of *Italy* were of such a Nature, and her Strength so much exhausted, as not to be recovered by slight Remedies. For as it often happens, in Bodies abounding with corrupt Humours, that a Medicine prepared for removing the Distempers of one Part, generates others of a more malignant and dangerous Nature; so the Truce made between the King of the *Romans* and the *Venetians*, instead of producing that Quiet and Tranquillity which many thought they had Reason to expect, gave Birth to innumerable Calamities that overwhelmed the miserable *Italians*, and was the Cause of more atrocious and much more bloody Wars than the passed. For though so many Wars and Revolutions had happened in *Italy* during the last Fourteen Years, yet the Disputes being often terminated without Blood, or mostly at the Expence of the Lives of the Barbarians engaged in them, the People suffered

*A. D.* suffered less than their Princes. But now  
 1508. a Door being opened to new Contentions,  
 there followed a Train of mischievous and  
 Miserable State of cruel Events, which overspread the Face  
*Italy.* of *Italy*, and affected the *Italians* them-  
 selves, who saw nothing but Scenes of  
 infinite Slaughter, Plunder, and the De-  
 struction of Multitudes of Towns and  
 Cities, attended with military Licentious-  
 ness, no less destructive to Friends than  
 Foes, and a Violation of Religion, and a  
 Trampling on Things sacred with less  
 Reverence and Respect than was shown to  
 profane.

THE Cause of so many Calamities,  
 if you consider it in general, was, as it  
 commonly is, the covetous and restless  
 Ambition of Princes: But, in a particular  
 View, they had their Original from the  
*Venetian* Senate, who by their Conduct  
 removed the Difficulties that had hitherto  
 suspended the Resolutions of the King of  
 the *Romans* and the King of *France* from  
 agreeing together against them. One of  
 these Princes they had exasperated beyond  
 measure, and made him quite desperate;  
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in the other they had excited most bitter *A. D.*  
 Resentments, or at least had furnished *1508.*  
 him with an Opportunity of discovering,  
 under a Colour of Justice, what he had  
 long meditated to put in Execution.  
*Cæsar*, stimulated by the great Disgrace  
 brought upon his Arms, and by the Loss  
 he had received, when, instead of making  
 Conquests of the States of others, he had  
 lost a Part of his own hereditary Domi-  
 nions, was for leaving no Means untried  
 for retrieving so great a Dishonour, and  
 repairing so considerable a Damage. And  
 he was confirmed in this Disposition, after  
 the Truce was made, by the imprudent  
 Conduct of the *Venetians*, who could  
 not forbear to provoke him by vain  
 Parades as well as Actions; for they re-  
 ceived *Alviano*, on his Return to *Venice*,  
 with the greatest Pomp, and as it were in  
 Triumph \*. The King of *France*, who  
 had at first given Hopes of his ratifying  
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\* *Cornaro* and *Alviano*, on their Return, were received  
 on board of the *Buccentaur*, a large Ship, an Honour ne-  
 ver shown but to Princes, with the greatest Festival and  
 Rejoicings. *Alviano* had a Grant of *Pordonone*, and was  
 created a Nobleman of *Venice*. *Cornaro* held many Feasts  
 in his House, and entertained all Comers. *Bembo*.

*A. D.* the Truce, was found to be afterwards  
*1508.* strangely altered. He complained that  
the *Venetians* had presumed to nominate  
and include him as an Adherent, and,  
after providing for their own Repose, had  
left him involved in the Troubles of the  
War.

THESE Dispositions of the two Princes  
began in a short time to manifest them-  
selves: For *Cæsar*, not trusting in his  
own Strength, and entertaining no further  
Hopes that the Princes and People of  
*Germany* would shew an effectual Resent-  
ment of his Injuries, was inclined to join  
with the King of *France* against the *Vene-  
tians*, as the only Way to recover his lost  
Reputation and Territories. And that  
King, in whom his new Resentment had  
revived the Memory of the Injuries which  
he pretended he had received from the  
*Venetians* in the *Neapolitan* War, and who  
was also stimulated by his constant Desire  
of recovering *Cremona* and the other  
Towns which had long been in the  
Possession of the Dukes of *Milan*, had  
the same Inclination. In order therefore

to remove all Impediment arising from Matters of lesser Moment, which might tend to obstruct their joint Attention to Affairs of much greater Concern, they began to treat about composing the Differences between the Archduke and the Duke of *Guelderland*, for whose Safety the King of *France*, on account of an antient Alliance, and of Benefits received, made strenuous Instances. This Disposition of the King was further animated against the *Venetians* by the Pope, who, besides old Offences, was incensed at a new Affront received from them. For it was by their Procurement, as he pretended, that the Exiles of *Forli*, who had taken up their Residence in *Faenza*, had made an Attempt to enter that City; and the Family of the *Bentivogli*, whom the King had driven out of the Dutchy of *Milan*, were harboured in the *Venetian* Dominions. To which it might be added that, in many Cases, they had shown less Respect than ever to the Authority of the Court of *Rome*, by which Proceeding they had highly disturbed the Mind of the Pope: That his Holiness having conferred

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*A. D.* 1508. } ferred the Bishoprick of *Vicenza*, vacant by the Death of the Cardinal of *St. Piero in Vincola* his Nephew, on *Sixtus*, another of his Nephews, whom he promoted to the Dignity of Cardinal, with the same Benefices, the *Venetian* Senate, despising this Collation, had elected for Bishop of that See a Nobleman of *Venice*, who, when the Pope had refused to confirm him, had the Assurance to stile himself Bishop of *Vicenza*, elected by the most excellent Council of the *Pregadi*. The Pope being highly incensed at such Proceedings, first dispatched to the King one *Maxime*, Secretary to the Cardinal of *Narbonne*, and afterwards that Cardinal himself, who lately by the Death of the Cardinal of *Aus* succeeding him in his Bishopric, was called the Cardinal of *Aus*. The King granted them a very favourable Audience, and dismissed them with various Schemes, which his Holiness was to execute, either in conjunction with *Cæsar*, or else without him. But the Pope was more ready to make Complaints than to take Resolutions: On one Side he was urged by his ardent Desire to take up Arms

Arms against the *Venetians*; on the other he was restrained by his Fear of becoming too servile a Dependent on the Greatness of other Princes, but much more by his old Jealousy conceived against the Cardinal of *Rouen*, which made him very uneasy at the March of such powerful Bodies of the King's Forces into *Italy*; and other Incidents contributed to lessen the Confidence between the Pope and the King, for his Holiness having but a little before, without his Majesty's Knowledge, disposed of the Bishopricks of *Asti* and *Piacenza*, the King refused to suffer the new Cardinal of *St. Piero in Vincola*, on whom *Julius* had conferred the very rich Abbey of *Chiaravalle*, in the Neighbourhood of *Milan*, to take possession of it.

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IN these Difficulties, though the Pope could not prevail on himself to take any Resolution, yet *Cæsar* and the King of *France* came at last to a final Determination. These Princes, who had been treating together, in the most secret manner, against the *Venetians*, appointed a Congress in the City of *Cambrai*, to put

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\* *Bembo* writes, that it was the King himself that several times gave his Word of Honour to the *Venetian* Ambassador, that nothing was negotiating in *Cambray* against the *Venetians*.

Negotiations between *Cæſar* and the King of *France*, yet they had been afterwards carried on without his Participation, both Parties perſuading themſelves that the Proſperity of the King of *France* would be an Eyeſore to him, and that any In-creaſe of *Cæſar*'s Power would afford him Matter of Jealouſy with reſpect to his Government of *Caſtile*, and that therefore his Sentiments in this Affair would by no means correſpond with his Words. At *Cambrai* they came, in a very few Days, to an ultimate Reſolution, without communicating any of the Particulars to the Ambaſſador of the Catholic King, till the whole was concluded; and the Day after, which was the Tenth of *December*, with ſolemn Ceremonies, and by the Oaths of Madame *Marguerite*, the Cardinal of *Rouen*, and the *Spaniſh* Ambaſſador, the Treaty was confirmed. All the Information they thought fit to give the Public on this Head was, that the Pope and every one of the contracting Princes had entered into an Obligation of perpetual Peace and Alliance between themſelves. But the more ſecret Articles

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*A. D.* contained Matters of the highest Importance, had in them a Spirit of Ambition, and were in many Parts contrary to the Agreement which *Cæsar* and the King of *France* had made with the *Venetians*. And, as if it were possible by the Diversity of Words to alter the Nature of Facts, these Articles had the specious Cover of a very pious Preamble; in which was represented the common Desire of the Parties to commence a War against the Enemies of the Name of Christ, and the Impediments that were thrown in their Way by the *Venetians*, by their seizing upon the Lands of the Church. In order to remove those Hindrances, that they might afterwards proceed conjointly on so holy and necessary an Expedition, by the Exhortations and Counsels of the Pope, the Cardinal of *Rouen*, as Proxy of his Holiness, and by his Orders, and by Orders of the King of *France*, having had also the King of *France's* Credentials; Madame *Marguerite*, as Proxy, and by Orders, of the King of the *Romans*, and as Governess of the Archduke, and of the States of *Flanders*; and the Ambassador of  
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of the King of *Aragon*, as Proxy, and <sup>A. D.</sup>  
by the Orders of the King his Master, <sup>1508.</sup>  
had entered into a Convention to make  
War upon the *Venetians*.

THE Articles of the Treaty were as follows: That each Party might recover Articles of the his Rights that were in their Possession; <sup>League of</sup>  
namely, the Pope, *Faenza*, *Rimini*, <sup>Cambray.</sup>  
*Ravenna*, and *Cervia*; for the King of the *Romans*, *Padoua*, *Vincenza*, and *Verona*, which appertained to him as Emperor, and *Friuli* and *Trevigi*, which belonged to the House of *Austria*; the King of *France*, *Cremona* and the *Ghiaradadda*, *Brescia*, *Bergamo*, and *Crema*; and the King of *Aragon*, the Towns and Ports that had been mortgaged to the *Venetians* by *Ferdinando* King of *Naples*. That the most Christian King should go to the War in Person, and open the Campaign on the First Day of *April* next, at which Time also the Pope and the Catholic King would begin the Operations on their Side. And that *Cæsar* might have a just Cause not to observe the Truce between him and the

*A. D.* *Venetians*, the Pope should demand his  
*1508.* Assistance as Protector of the Church,  
after which Demand *Cæsar* should send him at least One General, and should be bound, within Forty Days after the King of *France* had begun the War, to attack the *Venetian* Dominions in Person. Whenever any of the Confederates had recovered what belonged to him, he should be obliged to assist the rest till they were also restored to the entire Possession of their Rights. All the Parties were obliged to defend one another in the Possession of their recovered Lands, if they were afterwards molested by the *Venetians*, with whom it was not lawful for any Particular to enter into an Agreement but by common Consent. Within Three Months might be named the Duke of *Ferrara*, the Marquis of *Mantua*, or whoever else that had Pretensions upon the *Venetians* for detaining any Part of their Lands; and the Persons, after Nomination, were to enjoy all the Benefits of the Confederacy, as well as the principal Parties, and might employ their own Force to recover what they had lost. The Pope was to admonish  
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the *Venetians*, under the most grievous Pains and Censures, to restore all that was usurped from the Church, and was to be Judge of the Differences between *Blanche Marie*, Wife of the King of the *Romans*, and the Duke of *Ferrara*, on account of the Inheritance of *Anne* her Sister, the Duke's Wife. *Cæsar* was to invest the King of *France*, for himself, for *Francis d'Angoulesme*, and their Male-Descendants, with the Dutchy of *Milan*, for which Investiture the King was to pay Two Hundred Thousand Ducats. Neither *Cæsar* nor the Archduke might during the War, nor within Six Months afterwards, undertake any thing against the Catholic King on account of the Government and Titles of the Kingdom of *Castile*. The Pope was to use his Exhortations to the King of *Hungary* to enter into the present Confederacy. Every one of the Parties was within Four Months to name his Allies, and any Friends, except the *Venetians*, or the Subjects of those who held any Fief of any one of the Confederates: And each of the principal contracting Parties was

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*A. D.* 1508. to ratify this Treaty within Sixty Days next ensuing. This general Agreement was attended with a particular one between the Archduke and the Duke of *Guelderland*, in which it was stipulated that the Towns taken in the present War from the Archduke should be restored, but without any mention of those which were taken from the Duke.

THE new Confederacy being thus settled, and every thing relating to the *Venetians* kept as secret as possible, the Cardinal of *Rouen* set out the next Day from *Cambray*, having first dispatched away to *Cæsar* the Bishop of *Paris*, and *Alberto Pio*, Count of *Carpi*, to receive of him the Ratification in the Name of the King of *France*. That Prince gave his Ratification without Delay, and confirmed it with his Oath, with the same Solemnities as had been observed in the Publication of it in the Church of *Cambray*.

Treaty  
ratified by  
*Maximilian*.

IT is certain that this Confederacy, with all that is recorded in the Act concerning the Intervention and Orders of the

the Pope and the King of *Aragon*, was <sup>A. D.</sup> done without their Orders or Consent, <sup>1508.</sup> *Cæsar* and the most Christian King having persuaded themselves that they would after give their Consent, partly for their own Interest, and partly on account of the present Situation of Affairs, it not being likely that either of them would presume to resist their Authority, and especially the King of *Aragon*. That Prince was by no means pleased with this Confederacy, for being apprehensive of the immoderate Increase of Power in the King of *France*, he preferred the Security of what he enjoyed in the Kingdom of *Naples* to the Recovery of that Part of it held by the *Venetians*, yet he laboured, by his ready Compliance, to make an outward Show of what was contrary to his inward Sentiments, and immediately ratified with the same Solemnities. The Pope was in greater Doubt and Perplexity, as he had Strugglings within himself, according to Custom, on one Side from his Desire to recover the Towns of *Romagna* and his Resentments against the *Venetians*; on the other, from his Fears of the King of  
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of *France*, besides his Apprehensions of the Dangers that would accrue to himself and the Apostolic See from extending the Power of *Cæsar* in *Italy*. He thought it better, therefore, to obtain Part of what he wanted by Agreement, than the Whole by entering into a War. With this Design he attempted to induce the *Venetian* Senate to restore to him *Rimini* and *Faenza*; representing to them, that the Dangers which hung over their Heads from the Confederacy of so many Princes would be greatly increased by his Accession to the League, as he could not then refuse to persecute them both with spiritual and temporal Arms. But if they would restore the Towns they had ravished from the Church since the Time of his Pontificate, by which his Honour had so much suffered, he should have just Reason to refuse ratifying what had been transacted in his Name, but without his Consent. And if the pontifical Authority were once removed, the Confederacy, which had laboured under many Difficulties, of itself would soon dissolve and come to nothing. Thus in  
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Offers to  
the *Vene-*  
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complying they might depend on his  
 employing his Authority and utmost Care  
 for preventing the Increase of the Power  
 of the Barbarians in *Italy*, which was no  
 less dangerous to the Apostolic See than to  
 the other States \*.

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ON this Demand of the Pope the  
*Venetian* Senate held several Councils, in  
 which some of the Members judged it a  
 Point of the greatest Importance to se-  
 perate *Julius* from the rest of the Con-  
 federates ; others thought it a mean and  
 unworthy Step, and not sufficient to pre-  
 vent the War. But the Opinion of those  
 who gave the soundest and wisest Advice  
 would at length have prevailed, if *Dome-*  
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\*. The Pope not only stood in fear of the King of  
*France*. but also of the *Germans*, who, as soon as they had  
 overcome the *Venetians*, he did not doubt, would bring  
 him under their Yoke. His Holiness made this Demand  
 of the *Venetians* by *Constantino Cominato*, an Enemy to  
 the *French*, who went one Night to the *Venetian* Amba-  
 sador *Bodoaro*, and acquainting him with the Treaty be-  
 tween the Kings, offered the Pope's Assistance if the Se-  
 nate would restore *Rimini* and *Faenza* ; to which the Am-  
 bassador answered, That the Republic would not give  
 her Consent. The Pope himself afterwards tried the Am-  
 bassador *Pisano*, who had the Incivility to make his Ho-  
 linefs the same Answer. *Bembo*.

*A. D.* *nico Trevisano*, a Person of the greatest  
 1508. Weight and Character in *Venice*, and one  
 of the Procurators of *San Marco*, which  
 Speech of is a Post of the greatest Honour next to  
*Domenico* that of Doge, had not stood up, and  
*Trevisano.* offered many Reasons, enforced with great  
 Eloquence, to persuade them that it was  
 much below the Dignity, and contrary to  
 the Interest of their most renowned and  
 respectable Republic, to restore the Towns  
 demanded by the Pope; he said their  
 Dangers could not be much increased by  
 his Conjunction with the Confederates,  
 nor lessened by his Separation from them.  
 For tho', in order to make their Cause  
 appear less dishonourable, the Allies had,  
 in their Convention, used the Name of  
 the Pope, they had in effect agreed with-  
 out him, so that they would not, on that  
 Account, become the slower or cooler in  
 the Execution of their Resolutions. Nor,  
 on the other Hand, were the Arms of the  
 Pontiff of such Value as to deserve pur-  
 chasing their Assistance at so dear a Rate,  
 if it be considered that whenever they  
 shall be attacked by the other Confede-  
 rates, a moderate Garrison will be suffi-  
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cient to defend these Cities, which the cowardly Troops of the Church, proverbially called the Scandal of the Military, will neither be able to conquer without Help, nor any other Way contribute in the least to the Decision of the War. And amidst the Noise and Fervor of temporal Arms, the Reverence and Threats of spiritual Weapons were not regarded; nor was there any Reason to fear that they would hurt them more in this War than in many others, and particularly in their War against *Ferrara*, in which they proved of no Service for preventing them from obtaining a Peace honourable to themselves and disgraceful to the rest of *Italy*, which had with so great an Unanimity combined together against them, and at the Time when it flourished in Riches, Arms, and military Courage. And they had now just Reason to expect the same, for it was not at all probable that the great God would suffer the Effects of his Mercy and Severity, of his Pleasure and Anger, to lie in the Disposal of a proud and ambitious Man, addicted to Wine, and many other Indecencies,

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resolution and Suspensions. They had *A. D.*  
 therefore no more Reason to be afraid of *1508.*  
 the League of *Cambray*, than they had  
 of that other which *Maximilian* and  
*Lewis* had, with the same Ardor, con-  
 cluded at *Trent*, and afterwards at *Blois*;  
 for many Difficulties, in their own Na-  
 ture almost unsurmountable, might ob-  
 struct the Execution of what they had  
 resolved. The principal Care and Busi-  
 ness of this Senate therefore is, by all  
 means, to separate *Cæsar* from this Con-  
 federacy, which we have good Grounds  
 to hope may be effected with Ease, con-  
 sidering his Nature, his Necessities, and  
 his inveterate and fixed Aversion to the  
*French*. And when once they had got  
 him to break off from the Alliance, all  
 Fears of a War would vanish; for the  
 King of *France*, when abandoned by  
*Maximilian*, will no more dare to attack  
 them than he has done in Times past \*.  
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\* To detach *Cæsar* from the Confederacy of *Cambray* was attempted by means of *Pietro Stella*, but the *French* Ambassadors prevented it. *Leonardo Porti* was afterwards ordered to make a fresh Essay for that Purpose; but *Maximilian* demanding Conditions dishonourable to the Republic, nothing further was done. *Bembo*.

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*1508.* In all public Affairs the Beginnings are diligently to be considered, because afterwards it will be out of our Power to depart from Resolutions once taken, and in which we have a long time persevered, without the greatest Hazard and Disgrace. Their Ancestors as well as themselves had ever been attentive to all Opportunities of enlarging their Empire, and openly professed that they always aspired at greater Power. By this Conduct they were become odious to all, some fearing their Power, others grieved on account of what had been taken from them. That this Hatred would probably produce some great Change, was known long ago, but did not at that time deter them from embracing Opportunities as they offered. Nor can it now be a proper Remedy, in the present Danger, to begin with yielding up Part of what they possessed, since it was not to be doubted that such a Cession, instead of satisfying, would but inflame the Malice of their Adversaries, who would grow bolder at their Timidity. For as it has been a settled Opinion, of many Years standing amongst the *Italians*,  
that

that the *Venetian* Senate never part with any Thing that once falls into their Hands, who is there that will not be sensible, that to act the contrary and cowardly Part must proceed from the utmost Despair of making any Defence against these imminent Dangers? To resolve upon yielding any Place, though never so small, would be a Diminution of the Reputation and antient Splendor of their Republic. Hence Dangers must increase at a vast Rate; for it is more difficult, without Comparison, for him who has once begun to decline, and give way to his Adversary, to stop the Current, and preserve what remains even from lesser Dangers, than for another to maintain himself in his Rank and Dignity who, without betraying the least Intention to yield, makes a vigorous Stand against those who seek to oppress him. Hence it will be necessary either at once scornfully to reject the first Demands, or by consenting to expect that they will be followed by many others, which must be satisfied; whence must ensue, in a very short time, the Subversion of this Empire, and consequently

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*A. D.* frequently the Loss of their present Liberty. *1508.* The *Venetian* Republic had in the Days of their Fathers, and in their own Times, been engaged in very burdensome Wars with Christian Princes, and by constantly maintaining a Firmness and Generosity of Soul, had brought them to a very glorious Issue. Under the present Difficulties, even though they should perhaps appear to be greater, they ought to hope for the same Success. For now both their Power and Authority were greater than ever, and in the Wars of many Potentates united against one, the Terror is generally greater than the Effects, because the first Ardor and Impetuosity soon begins to cool, and a Diversity of Opinions, which must arise between them, creates a mutual Distrust of one another. This Senate had also Reason to trust that, besides the Provisions and Remedies which they could furnish of themselves, God, the most just Judge, would not forsake a Republic founded and subsisting in perpetual Liberty, which was the Ornament and Splendor of *Europe*; nor permit that the Ambition of Princes,

Princes, under a false Colour of preparing War against the Infidels, should glory in the Ruins of that City, which had, with such Piety and Religion, been, for so many Years, the Defence and Bulwark of the whole Christian Commonwealth.

THIS Speech of *Domenico Trevisano* had a wonderful Effect on the Minds of the Majority, and, as it had frequently happened of late Years, so now, by a sort of Fatality which attended that Senate, contrary to the Opinion of many Senators of great Prudence and Authority, the worst Counsel was embraced and followed. The Pope therefore, who had delayed to ratify the League till the last Day, now signed it, but with an express Declaration, that it was his Intent to commit no Act of Hostility against the *Venetians*, till the King of *France* had himself begun the War.

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Pope ratifies the League.

THUS ended the Year 1508, in which the Seeds of mighty Wars were plentifully sown. At the same Time the Affairs of the *Pisans* were greatly distressed,



*A. D.* 1509. and every Day involved in greater Difficulties. For the *Florentines*, besides depriving them of their Harvest in the preceding Summer, and continually scouring the Country with their Troops, home to the very Gates of *Pisa*, had, in order to prevent all Supplies of Provisions by Sea, hired the Son of *Baridella* of *Porto Venere*, with some Vessels, to cruise along the Coast. Hence the *Pisans*, being in a manner besieged by Sea and Land, and, by reason of their Poverty, incapable of hiring any Ships or foreign Soldiers, and but slowly assisted by their Neighbours, had almost lost all Hopes of supporting themselves. The *Genoese* and *Lucchese*, being moved with their Distress, took a Resolution to revive their Hopes, by conveying into *Pisa* a large Quantity of Corn, which being put on board of a great Number of Barks, under Convoy of Two *Genoese* Ships and Two Galeons, arrived at *Spetie*, and from thence at *Viareggio*, from whence it was, by the Direction of the *Pisans*, to be conveyed in fourteen Brigantines, and a Number of Lighters, into *Pisa*. But the *Florentines*

*tines* were resolved to oppose this Enter-  
 prise, for on the Success or Miscarriage  
 of this Convoy of Corn, depended their  
 Hope or Despair of being Masters of  
*Pisa* this Year. For this Purpose they  
 reinforced their Fleet with an *English*  
 Ship, which happened to lie in the Port  
 of *Livorno*, and with some other Sloops  
 and Brigantines; then in order to assist,  
 as much as possible, their naval Arma-  
 ment in its Operations with their Land  
 Forces, they ordered all the Horse and a  
 good Number of Foot, suddenly got to-  
 gether from their Dominions, to repair  
 to all those Parts, by which the Vessels of  
 the Enemy might enter the *Arno*, either  
 by its Mouth, or by the Mouth of the  
 dead River, and so make their Way up  
 to *Pisa*. The Enemy's Fleet proceeded  
 to the Mouth of the *Arno*, but the Ships  
 of the *Florentines* being drawn up between  
 the Mouth of that and the dead River,  
 and their Land Forces having possessed  
 themselves of all the convenient Posts, and  
 planted Cannon on the Banks of all Parts  
 of the River by which they were to pass,  
 the Enemy judged it impracticable to

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 1509. } proceed any further, and retired to the  
*Riviera of Genoa*, after losing three of  
 their Brigantines laden with Corn. This  
 Success seeming to promise a speedy  
 Reduction of *Pisa* for want of Victu-  
 als, the *Florentines*, the more effectually  
 to prevent all Supplies of Provisions from  
 passing up the River, laid a wooden  
 Bridge over the *Arno*, and fortified it  
 with a Redoubt at each End. At the  
 same time, to deprive the *Pisans* of all  
 Assistance from their Neighbours, they  
 made an Agreement with the *Lucchese*,  
 having first, in order to repress the Au-  
 daciousness of that People, detached Part  
 of their Troops from *Cascina*, with Or-  
 ders to plunder the Port of *Viareggio*, and  
 the Magazines, in which were a great  
 Quantity of Silks belonging to the Mer-  
 chants of *Lucca*. The *Lucchese*, terrified  
 at this rough Proceeding, sent Ambassa-  
 dors to *Florence*, who at last came to this  
 Agreement, That between the two Re-  
 publicks there should be a League de-  
 fensive for Three Years, in which the  
*Lucchese* were expressly excluded from the  
 Liberty of giving any Manner of Assist-  
 ance

ance to the *Pisans*. This Confederacy, if the *Florentines* should recover *Pisa* in the Space of one Year, was declared to be prolonged for other Twelve Years: That during this Confederacy the *Florentines* should not, without Prejudice however to their Rights, molest the *Lucchese* in the Possession of *Pietra Santa* and *Mutrone*.

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League  
between  
the *Florentines* and  
*Lucchese*.

BUT what was of much greater Moment for facilitating the Acquisition of *Pisa*, was the Capitulation made by the *Florentines* with their most Christian and Catholic Majesties, which, in a Negotiation that lasted many Months, had met with many Difficulties on the Part of the *Florentines*, who were apprehensive, from Experience of what had past, that it was only designed as an Expedient to draw from them a large Sum of Money, and then leave the Affairs of the *Pisans* upon the same Footing; on the other hand, the King of *France* interpreted this Delay as artfully procured by the *Florentines*, in hopes that the *Pisans*, whose Extremities were very well known, would

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between  
the Kings  
of *France*  
and *Aragon* and  
the *Florentines*.

*A. D.* 1509. surrender of themselves. And as he did not design that they should by any means recover *Pisa* without paying him a Reward, he had commanded *Bardella*, who was his Subject, to quit the Service of the *Florentines*, and ordered *Chaumont* to send Six Hundred Lances from *Milan* to the Assistance of the *Pisans*. But now all Doubts and Difficulties being removed, an Agreement was concluded on the following Conditions,

Articles of  
the Treaty.

THAT neither the King of *France* nor the King of *Aragon* should grant any Favour or Assistance to the *Pisans*, but take effectual Care that no Provisions, nor Supplies of Money, Troops, or any other Necessaries should be sent to *Pisa*, from the Places in subjection to them, or from their Confederates, or from those under their Protection: That the *Florentines*, in Case they should recover *Pisa* within the Year next ensuing, should pay at certain Times, to each of the two Kings, Fifty Thousand Ducats; and in that Case a League was declared to subsist between the Parties for three Years, to

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commence from the Day of the Recovery, by which the *Florentines* should be obliged to furnish Three Hundred Men at Arms for the Defence of the States of the two Kings in *Italy*; and, on the other hand, each of those Monarchs on Demand should supply them with at least Three Hundred Men at Arms for their own Defence. To these Articles, which concerned all the Parties, it was necessary that some new Obligation should be added, without the Knowledge of the Catholic King, by which the *Florentines* were bound to pay the King of *France*, at times, and on the same Conditions as aforesaid, Fifty Thousand Ducats more; besides which they were brought under a Promise to present the Ministers of the two Kings with Twenty-five Thousand Ducats, the greatest Part of which was to be distributed at the Discretion of the Cardinal of *Rouen*.

THIS Agreement was indeed very expensive to the *Florentines*, but universally reputed very dishonourable to those Kings, one of whom was induced by Money to abandon

*A. D.* 1509. } abandon a City which he had oftentimes  
acknowledged he had received into his  
Protection, and of which, as it appeared  
afterward, the Great Captain, in its vo-  
luntary Surrender, had accepted the Do-  
minion in his Name; the other, forget-  
ting all his former Engagements, so often  
repeated to the *Florentines*, either sold  
the just Liberty of the *Pisans* for a vile  
Price, or constrained the *Florentines* to  
purchase of him the Liberty to recover  
what justly belonged to them. So great  
is the Power of Gold in our Days, as to  
outweigh all Regard to Honour and De-  
cency.

*French*  
Preparati-  
ons against  
the *Vene-*  
*tians*.

BUT the Affairs of the *Pisans*, which  
formerly used to attract the Eyes of all  
*Italy*, were at this Juncture but little re-  
garded, the Attention of the Public be-  
ing engaged in the Expectation of greater  
Events. For the League of *Cambrai* be-  
ing ratified by all the Confederates, the  
King of *France* began to make vast Pre-  
parations. And tho' he had not as yet  
proceeded to Protests and Menaces of  
War, the Affair however could no longer  
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be difsembled, and therefore the Cardinal of *Rouen*, before the whole Council, complained to the *Venetian* Ambaffador in ftrong Terms, that their Senate, defpifing their League with the King, and his Friendfhip, had fortified the Abbey of *Ceretto* in the Territory of *Crema*, in which Place there had been formerly a Fortrefs, which was demolished by the Articles of the Peace concluded in the Year 1454, between the *Venetians* and *Francesco Sforza* the then Duke of *Milan*, with a Condition that the *Venetians* fhould never hereafter erect any Fortification there; to the Articles of which the Peace made between them and the King did refer in this and in many other Particulars. The King of *France* a few Days after arrived at *Lions*, his Troops were already on their March to pafs the Mountains, and Six Thoufand *Swifs* in his Pay were preparing to make a Defcent at the fame time into *Italy*. To thefe his own Forces was added the Affiftance of others. From the *Genoeſe* he was furniſhed with four Ships; of the *Florentines* he got Fifty Thouſand Ducats, in part of what would  
be.

*A. D.* 1509. become payable after the Acquisition of *Pisa*. The Dutchy of *Milan*, where the Inhabitants longed for the Restoration of their Towns that were in the Possession of the *Venetians*, made him a Present of One Hundred Thousand Ducats, and a Multitude of Gentlemen and Fiefholders of that State provided themselves with Horses and Arms, and formed a Body splendidly equipped for attending the King's Person to the War.

*Venetians*  
prepare  
for their  
Defence.

ON the other Side the *Venetians*, with a great deal of Spirit and Resolution, prepared for resisting the Force of such formidable Enemies, employing their Money and Authority, and exerting the whole Strength of the State in making Provisions worthy of so great a Republic. And they proceeded with the more Alacrity, as it was very probable that if they could sustain the Brunt of the first Attack, the ill-compacted Union of these Princes would easily fall asunder and dissolve. And, to the immortal Glory of the Senate it must be spoken, that the same Ardor for Defence appeared in those Members who had

had before counfelled them, tho' in vain, to take better Measures, and to use their prosperous Fortune with Moderation, as in those who had been Authors of the contrary Advice. For preferring the Good of the Public to private Ambition, they were not sollicitous to increase their own Authority by reproaching their Brethren with their pernicious Counsels, nor did they oppose those Remedies which were used for removing the Dangers that had been occasioned by the Imprudence of others. And considering that almost all Christendom was in Arms against them, they unanimously used their utmost Efforts to break so formidable a Union. Repenting, therefore, that they had despised the Opportunity of separating the Pontiff from the Confederacy, and entertaining good Hopes that he would be contented with the Restitution of *Faenza* alone, they revived their Negotiations with his Holiness, and would have entered on new Treaties with *Cæsar* and the Catholic King. But as for the King of *France*, either out of Hatred, or Despair of making any Impression upon him,



A. D. him, they did not offer to treat with him.

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But the Pope was no longer at Liberty to accept what he had at first desired, and the Catholic King, though perhaps he wanted not Inclination, had it not in his Power to turn the others. And *Cæsar* had conceived such an implacable Hatred against the Name of the *Venetians*, and was so far from coming to an Agreement, that he would not so much as hear their Offers, and refused to admit *Giampiero Stelia*, their Secretary, deputed to him as Plenipotentiary, into his Presence.

THE *Venetians* therefore employed all their Thoughts in providing for their Defence by Arms, for which Purpose they made great Levies of Horse and Foot in every Quarter, and fitted out great Numbers of Ships and smaller Vessels for guarding the Coasts of *Romagna* and the Towns of *Puglia*, and to command the Lake of *Garda* and the *Po*, with other neighbouring Places and Rivers, by which they apprehended some Molestation from the Duke of *Ferrara* and the Marquis of *Mantoua*. But besides the Menaces of  
human

human Powers, they were alarmed with a Multitude of Accidents, either fatal or fortuitous. A Thunderbolt fell upon the Castle of *Brescia*; a Bark sent by the Senate with Money to *Ravenna* sunk with Ten Thousand Ducats. The Archive, a Building full of Records relating to the Republic, on a sudden fell entirely to the Ground. But what put them all in the greatest Consternation was, that on a Day, and at the very Hour when the great Council was assembled, either by Chance or Treachery, a Fire broke out in the Arsenal, in the Room where the Saltpetre was kept, and tho' an infinite Number of Men ran thither to extinguish it, yet assisted by the Wind, and the Combustibleness of the Matter, it consumed Twelve light Gallies, with a vast Quantity of Stores\*. As an Addition to their Misfortunes, the Senate having taken into their Pay *Giulio* and *Renzo Orsini* and *Troilo Savello*, with Five Hundred Men at Arms and Three Thousand Foot, the Pope,

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Prodigies  
at Venice.Fire in the  
Arsenal.

\* *Bembo* writes, that the Fire was occasioned by a Spark falling into a Barrel of Gunpowder as they were nailing it.

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Pope, by very severe Orders, charged them, as Feudataries and Subjects of the Church, not to leave the Territory of *Rome*; and encouraged them not to restore Fifteen Thousand Ducats they had received of the *Venetians* in advance, promising to set that Sum against other Sums in which that People were indebted to the Apostolic See, for what they had collected from the Towns in *Romagna* \*.

THE Preparations of the Senate were chiefly directed towards the Borders of the *French* Dominions, from whence they expected the most speedy and powerful Attack. For the King of *Aragon*, tho' he had promised the other Confederates to do mighty Feats, contented himself, according to Custom, with making a Shew of Preparations, but performed nothing of Moment. *Cæsar* was employed in *Flanders*, where he was endeavouring to procure a free Gift from that People, who were the Subjects of his Grandson, and did not suppose the  
War

\* The Pope also promised to take off the Interdict from the *Orfmi*, and to support that Family.

War would commence at the time appointed, well knowing that the Pope, depending more on the Success of others than his own Strength, would regulate his Motions according to the Progress of the Allies.

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IT was not doubted but that the first Effort of the *French* King would be in the *Ghiaradadda*, by passing the River *Adda* near to *Casciano*; the *Venetians* therefore assembled their Forces at *Ponte Vico* on the River *Oglio*. The Captain General of their Army was Count *Pitigliano*, and *Bartolomeo Alviano* had the Title of Governor, *Giorgio Cornaro*, and *Andrea Gritti* were the *Proveditors* \*, both illustrious Noblemen, greatly honoured for their personal Accomplishments, and for the Glory which they had acquired in the preceding Year, one of them by his Success in *Friuli*, and the other by the Resistance he made to the *Germans* at *Rovere*.

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\* The *Proveditors* represented the Senate, and the General was not allowed to go on any Enterprize of Importance without the Consent of at least one of them; but if Time permitted, an Express was first to be sent to *Venice*, to consult the Senate.

A. D. A Council being held to consult on the  
1509. Operations of the War, the Opinions  
Venetians were various, not only between some of  
hold a the principal Officers, but between the  
Council Captain General and the Governor. For  
of War. *Alviano*, who was of a fierce and daring  
 Temper, and grown proud with the pro-  
Opinion perous Success of the preceding Year,  
of Alviano. being ever ready to embrace all Oppor-  
 tunities, and incredibly quick in taking  
 his Resolutions, as well as putting them  
 in Execution, advised to carry the War  
 into the Enemy's Country, rather than to  
 wait till it was brought into their own  
 Dominions; and to attack the Dutchy of  
*Milan*, before the *French King* should ar-  
Of Count rive in *Italy*. But Count *Pitigliano*, whe-  
Pitigliano. ther the Vigour of his Spirit was impaired  
 by Age, as *Alviano* said, or whether, in-  
 structed by long Experience, he had with  
 more Prudence considered the Dangers,  
 was by no means for tempting of Fortune,  
 except on very good Grounds; and was  
 therefore of Opinion, that neglecting the  
 Towns of the *Ghiaradadda*, which were  
 of little Importance towards a Decision  
 of the War, the Army should entrench  
 them-



themselves at the Town of *Orci*, as *Francesco Carmignuola* and *Giacopo Piccinino*, A. D.  
1509. two famous Captains in their Times, had formerly done in the Wars between the *Venetians* and the *Milaneſe*: That *Orci* was an advantageous Poſt, of great Strength by its Situation between the Rivers *Oglio* and *Seria*, and very convenient for covering all the Towns of the *Venetian* Territory. For if the *French* ſhould venture to attack them in their Entrenchments, from the Strength of their Situation they might almoſt aſſure themſelves of the Victory; and if they choſe to lay Siege to *Cremona*, *Crema*, *Bergamo*, or *Breſcia*, they would be at Liberty, for the Defence of theſe Places, to decamp and approach with their Army to the Beſiegers; then, by taking Poſſeſſion of ſome ſecure and advantageous Poſt, they might with their numerous light Horſe and Stradiotti infeſt and harraſs them, by intercepting their Proviſions and warlike Stores, ſo as to prevent them from taking any Town of Importance, and, without putting themſelves in the Power of Fortune, eaſily defend the *Venetian*

*A. D.* 1509. State from the powerful and furious Attack of the King of *France*.

Both re-  
jected by  
the Se-  
nate.

BOTH these Counsels were rejected by the Senate ; that of *Alviano* as too bold, and that of the Captain General as favouring too much of Timidity, considering the Nature of the present Dangers. The Senate would indeed have been better pleased, if, according to the antient Custom of their Republic, they could have proceeded securely, and have put themselves as little as possible out of their own Power \*. But on the other hand, if, at the Time when almost all their Force was employed in resisting the King of *France*, the State should be invaded with a powerful Army by the King of the *Romans*, with what Arms, under what Generals, and with what Forces could they pretend to oppose him ? On this Consideration, those Measures, which in themselves might carry a greater Appearance of Certainty and Security, would at last in Effect prove the most uncertain and dangerous. For this Reason they em-

\* That is, by not giving the General full Power to act according to Discretion.

embraced, as it often happens in contrary Opinions, a Medium betwixt both Counsels, and resolved that the Army should encamp behind the River *Adda*, to prevent the Enemy from passing that River and ravaging the *Ghiaradadda*; but gave exprefs Orders and Directions to avoid coming to an Engagement, without Necessity, or the fairest Hopes of Success.

BUT the King of *France* had taken a quite different Resolution, and was ardently desirous that the Armies should come to a pitched Battle. That Monarch, accompanied by the Duke of *Lorrain*, and all the chief of the Nobility of *France*, as soon as he had passed the Mountains, sent his Herald *Monjoye* to denounce War to the *Venetian* Senate; and that it might so much the sooner be said to be denounced, he was commissioned to make the same Declaration to the *Venetian* Magistrates of *Cremona*, as he passed through that Place \*. And tho' the *French* Army was

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King of  
*France* de-  
nounces  
War to  
the *Ven-*  
*tians*.

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\* *Monjoye* was introduced into the *Venetian* Senate on the

*A. D.* 1509. was not as yet all assembled, and it had been determined not to enter upon Action before the King was arrived at *Casciano*, yet, either by the Sollicitations of the Pope, who complained that the Time appointed by the Convention was elapsed, or that the Term of Forty Days, in which *Cæsar* was to enter upon the War after the King of *France* had opened the Campaign, might the sooner begin, the first Resolution was altered, and *Chaumont* was ordered to take the Field before the *Venetian* Troops, which were not yet all got together, had left their Quarters at *Ponte Vico*.

THE Fifteenth Day of *April*, 1509, gave the first Movement to so great a War, by *Chaumont's* fording the River *Adda* near *Casciano* with Three Thousand Horse, and passing Six Thousand Foot, and afterwards the Artillery, in Boats. He directed his March to *Trevi*, Three Miles

*French pass  
the Adda,*

the 16th Day of *April* 1509. in a private Manner, to avoid striking a Terror into the People. After he had denounced the War on the part of the King his Master, the Doge *Loicedano* made a very prudent and becoming Answer. *Bembo*.

Miles from *Casciano*, in which was *Giustino Morosino*, Proveditor of the *Venetian* A. D. 1509.  
*Stradiotti*, and with him *Vitello* of *Citta di Castello*, and *Vincentio di Naldo*, who had drawn together some Foot who were to be distributed in the neighbouring Towns. These Officers imagining that the *French*, who had mostly dispersed themselves in different Places, had no Design to attack the Town, but only to scour the Country, ordered out Two Hundred Foot, and some *Stradiotti*; they were immediately attacked by a Party of *French*, who after a Skirmish pursued them to the very Ravelin of the Gate. The *French* were soon after reinforced by more Troops, and the Artillery being brought before the Town, they began to play with some Falconets on the Fortifications of the Place, with such an Effect, that, either from the Cowardice of the Commanders, who were terrified at the Suddenness of the Attack, or on account of a tumultuous Rising of the Inhabitants, the Town was surrendered to *Chaumont* and take at Discretion: The Proveditor *Giustino* Trevi.  
*ano*, *Vitello*, and *Vincentio*, and many others



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were made Prisoners, besides One Hundred light Horse, and One Thousand Foot, almost all of them of the Valley of *Dilamone*, only Two Hundred Stradiotti saving themselves by Flight \*. *Chaumont*, after this, had some other neighbouring Places surrendered to him, and then returned with his Troops beyond the *Adda*.

ON the same Day the Marquis of *Mantoua*, who was in the King's Pay, and had the Command of One Hundred Lances, attacked *Casal Maggiore*, which Fortress, together with *Luigi Bono* the *Venetian* Commander, was surrendered to him by the Inhabitants, without any Resistance. On the same Day also *Roccalbertino*, with One Hundred and Fifty Lances and Three Thousand Foot, passed from *Piacenza* on a Bridge of Boats laid over the *Adda*, where it falls into the *Po*,  
and

\* *Mocenigo* lays the Fault on the Townsmen of *Trevi*, who had rather betray the *Venetian* Garrison than defend the Place against the *French*. But *Bembo* and *Giustiniano* assure us that the Town, after sustaining the Attack as long as could be expected, was at last obliged to surrender.

and made an Incurſion into the Territory of *Cremona*, which was alſo invaded on another Quarter by the Troops that were in Garrifon at *Lodi*, who had laid a Bridge over the *Adda*; beſides which the whole Body of Peaſants that inhabited the mountainous Country of *Brianza*, made a Deſcent and ravaged the Country as far as *Bergamo*. Theſe Attacks made in five different Parts on one Day, and without the Appearance of an Enemy on any Quarter, made more Noiſe than it produced Effect. For *Chaumont* immediately after returned to *Milan*, to wait for the Arrival of the King, who was not far off: And the Marquis of *Mantoua*, who, after the taking of *Casal Maggiore*, had made a fruitleſs Attempt on *Aſola*, underſtanding that *Alviano*, with a numerous Body of Troops had paſſed the River *Oglio* at *Ponte Molero*, abandoned *Casal Maggiore*.

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AFTER a Beginning was thus made to the War, the Pope without Delay publiſhed, under the Title of Monitory, a terrible Bull, in which were related all the Pope publiſhes a Bull againſt the *Venetians*,  
the

*A. D.* the Usurpations which the *Venetians* had  
1509. made of the Towns and Territories be-  
longing to the Apostolic See, and of the  
Authority which they had arrogated to  
themselves, in prejudice of the Eccle-  
siastical Liberty, and of the Jurisdiction  
of the Pontiffs, by conferring Bishopricks  
and many vacant Benefices, and by try-  
ing Spiritual Causes, and other Matters  
reserved to the Judgment of the Church,  
in secular Courts. And, besides a Recital  
of all the rest of the past Disobediences,  
there was an Account how they had but  
a few Days before, in order to disturb  
the Administration of *Bologna*, to the Pre-  
judice of the Holy See, invited from *Fa-  
enza* the *Bentivogli*, who, being Rebels  
against the Church, were subject, as were  
all that received them, to the most grie-  
vous Censures. He then admonished them  
to restore, within Twenty-four Days, the  
Lands which they had taken from the  
Church, together with the Profits received  
from them since the Time they first took  
them in their Possession, under Pain of  
incurring, in case of Disobedience, the  
Ecclesiastical Censures and Interdicts,  
which

which would involve not only the City of *Venice*, but all Places within their Domi-<sup>A. D. 1509.</sup>nions, and even such as, not being yet subject to them, should hereafter receive any *Venetian*: Declaring them further to have incurred the Crime of High Treason, and worthy to be treated as perpetual Enemies to all Christians, who were by these Presents empowered to seize on their Effects, and to make Slaves of their Persons.

AGAINST this Bull there was in a few Days after, by some unknown Persons, dispersed about the City of *Rome* a Paper in the Name of the Doge and *Venetian* Magistrates; in which, after a long Recital of Grievances received from the Pontiff and the King of *France*, was contained an Appeal from the Monitory *Venetians* to a future Council, and, in default of<sup>appeal to a Council.</sup> human Justice, to the Tribunal of Christ, the most just Judge, and supreme Lord of all.

THIS spiritual Monitory was soon followed by temporal Threats; for the  
Herald

*A. D.* Herald *Monjoye*, being arrived at *Venice*,  
 1509. and introduced to the Doge and the Senate, in the Name of the King declared the War which was already begun, adding to his Declaration Reasons of more Weight than Justice. To this Denunciation the Doge, after some Consultations, answered in very few Words, that since the King of *France* had resolved to declare War against them at a Time when they had conceived better Hopes of him on account of their Confederacy, which they had never violated, but had provoked the King of the *Romans* to be their Enemy, because they would not renounce their Alliance with *France*, they would take the best Care to defend themselves, which they trusted to effect by means of their Arms, in conjunction with the Justice of their Cause. This short Answer was thought more becoming the Dignity of the Republic, than enlarging further on their own Justification, or making vain Complaints against the Aggressor.

Doge's  
 Answer to  
 the French  
 Denunci-  
 ation of  
 War.

THE *Venetian* Army was now all assembled at *Ponte Vico*, and consisted  
 of



of Two Thousand Men at Arms, Three <sup>A. D.</sup> Thousand light Horse and Stradiotti, <sup>1509.</sup> Fifteen Thousand Foot, picked from all Parts of *Italy*, and indeed the Flower of the *Italian* Soldiery, as well for the Valour of the common Men, as for the Bravery and Experience of the Officers, besides Fifteen Thousand other Foot, selected from the ordinary standing Militia of their own Country; and their Camp was furnished with a very numerous Train of Artillery. From *Ponte Vico* the Army marched to *Fontanella*, a Town Six Miles from *Lodi*, and a very convenient Post for covering *Cremona*, *Crema*, *Caravaggio*, and *Bergamo*. Here judging they had an Opportunity, by the Retreat of *Chau-mont* beyond the *Adda*, and the King's Forces not being all joined, to recover *Trevi*, they put themselves in Motion for that Purpose by Orders from the Senate, though contrary to the Advice of *Alviano*, as he himself afterwards affirmed. That General alledged that it was taking Resolutions that were in a manner repugnant, to forbid an Engagement with the King's Army, and yet on the other hand to make

*A. D.* 1509. make such Approaches towards it, that perhaps it would not be in their Power to retreat, and even if it were feasible, it could not be done without diminishing the Reputation of that Army to such a Degree as to have a bad Influence on the whole Course of the War; on which Account, and for the Sake of his own Honour, and for the Honour of the *Italian* Army in general, he would sooner chuse to die, than give his Consent to so disgraceful a Step.

THE Army first took possession of *Rivolta*, where the *French* had left no Garrison. They put Fifty Horse and Three Hundred Foot into the Place, and from thence came before *Trevi*, a Town at a small Distance from the *Adda*, situated on a Spot somewhat eminent, and in which *Chaumont* had left Fifty Lances and a Thousand Foot under the Command of *Imbault*, *Frontaille* a *Gascon*, and the Chevalier *Blanc*. The Cannon being planted on the Side towards *Casciano*, where the Wall was weakest, did such Execution, that the Besieged

sieged surrendered next Day. The Soldiers had Liberty to depart, but without Arms, the Officers were made Prisoners, and the Town being left to the Discretion of the Conquerors was immediately plundered.

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BUT the Loss sustained on this Occasion proved greater to the Victors than to the Vanquished: For as soon as the King of *France* had received Advice that the Enemy had laid Siege to *Trevi*, imagining that the Loss of that Place, in a manner before his Eyes, would greatly diminish his Reputation, he suddenly set out from *Milan*, with an Intention to relieve it. On the Ninth of *May*, the Day after *Trevi* was taken, the King arrived at the River near *Casciano*, where, by the Conveniency of that Place, three Bridges of Boats had been laid before without any Difficulty, and passed over with his whole Army, meeting with no Enemy, nor the least Show of Resistance. Every Body was surpris'd that the *Venetians* should idly lose so fair an Opportunity of attacking the first Part of the Troops that

King of  
*France*  
passes the  
*Adda*.

*A. D.* that had passed, and *Trivulzio*, when he  
*1509.* saw that the Army met with no Impedi-  
ment in its Passage, cry'd out, " This  
Day, O most Christian King, have we  
gained the Victory." But we are assured  
that the *Venetian* Generals knew very well  
what good Opportunity was offered them,  
and were willing to lay hold of it ; but it  
was not in their Power, neither by their  
Authority, nor by their Prayers nor  
Threats, to make the Soldiers, who were  
busied in plundering, come out of *Trevi*.  
There being no other Remedy for these  
Disorders, *Alviano* was necessitated to set  
Fire to the Town, that the Soldiers might  
be forced to leave the Place ; but this Ex-  
pedient was used too late, for the *French*,  
to their unspeakable Satisfaction, had al-  
ready passed the River, and were making  
themselves merry with the Negligence and  
Misconduct of their Enemies.

THE King encamped with his Army a  
little above a Mile distant from the Camp  
of the *Venetians*, which was placed on  
a somewhat rising Ground, and so strong  
by its Situation and Entrenchments, that  
there

there was no Avenue by which it could be attacked without manifest Danger. A. D.  
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On consulting therefore in what manner to proceed, many of those who assisted at the King's Councils, persuading themselves that *Cæsar* would soon exert the Power of his Arms in an effectual Manner, advised to proceed slowly and with Deliberation. For in Matters of War he that expects an Attack is in a better Condition than he who seeks to give it, and when the *Venetian* Generals shall find themselves unable to defend their Dominions in so many Parts at once, they will be under a Necessity of coming out of their Trenches, and seek an Occasion of hazarding a Battle. But the King was of different Sentiments, and only wished for an Opportunity to fight where the Situation of the Place might not give the Enemy too great an Advantage over the Valour of his Soldiers. And what made him the more eager to engage, was either his Apprehensions of the Slowness of the King of the *Romans*, or because finding himself in Person with all the Forces of his Kingdom, he had not only conceived

*French*  
King desirous to  
fight.



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1509. } great Hopes of Victory, but thought it would be a great Dishonour to his Name if he did not put an End to the War by himself, without the Assistance of others; and, on the contrary, it would be highly glorious for him, that the other Confederates should equally share with himself in the Rewards of a Victory obtained by his own Power and Valour. On the other Side, the *Venetian* Senate and Generals, retarded in their Counsels by the Fear of *Cæsar*, had resolved not to trust themselves in a Place of equal Advantage to themselves and their Enemy, but always to keep within strong Entrenchments, so as to avoid a Necessity of fighting, and prevent, at the same time, the *French* from making any considerable Progress.

*Venetians*  
avoid a  
Battle.

WITH these Resolutions the Armies stood encamped one against the other a whole Day, and tho' there passed frequent Skirmishes between the light Horse, and the *French*, advancing their Artillery, endeavoured to draw on a Battle, yet nothing of Moment happened. The next  
Day

Day the King made a Motion towards *Rivolta*, for the Sake of trying whether a Desire to preserve that Town would induce the *Italians* to quit their Camp; but this not moving them, the King, that he might obtain from them at least a tacit Confession that they durst not come to an Engagement, stood full four Hours with his Army drawn up in Order of Battle before their Entrenchments; but they made no other Motion than turning to the Front of the *French*, and arraying themselves, without abandoning their strong Post. In the mean time the Cannon with Part of the Troops came before the Walls of *Rivolta*, which Place was taken in a few Hours by Force. Here the King with his whole Army that Evening took up his Quarters, not a little perplexed at the Enemy's Method of proceeding, whose Conduct he could not help commending, as much as it displeased him. To try however if Necessity would drive them whither their Will would never induce them, after he had tarried a Day at *Rivolta*, he set Fire to the Place, and left it, with an Intent to

*French*  
take *Ri-*  
*volta*.

*A. D.* take up his Quarters at *Vaila* or *Pandano*  
 1509. the next Evening, in Hopes that by the  
 commodious Situation of either of these  
 Places he might intercept the Convoys of  
 Provisions from *Crema* and *Cremona* to the  
 Enemy's Camp, and so reduce them to a  
 Necessity of abandoning it.

THE *Venetian* Generals were aware  
 of the King's Project, and concluded  
 that it was necessary for them to take  
 Possession of some other strong Post near  
 the Enemy, that they might continue to  
 hold them under the same Difficulties,  
 and obstruct their Progress. Count *Piti-*  
*gliano* advised not to move till the next  
 Day, but *Alviano* insisted on the contrary  
 with such Warmth, alledging that it  
 was necessary to prevent the Enemy,  
 that at last it was resolved to move with  
 all Speed. There are two Roads that  
 lead to *Crema* and *Cremona*, one lower,  
 near the *Adda*, but longer as being in a  
 curve Line, the other more remote from  
 that River, but shorter, and in a strait  
 Line, representing the String of the Bow,  
 as the other does the Bow itself. The  
 lower

lower Road was taken by the King's Army, which was said to consist of <sup>A. D. 1509.</sup> above Two Thousand Lances, Six Thousand *Swiss*, and Twelve Thousand *Gascons* and *Italians*, abundantly provided with Artillery, and a great Number of Pioneers. The *Venetian* Army marched by the higher Road, with their Right towards the Enemy, and was reckoned to consist of Two Thousand Men at Arms, above Twenty Thousand Foot, and a very great Number of light Horse, Part *Italians*, and Part enlisted by the *Venetians* in *Greece*. These rid on before the rest, but could not well extend nor range themselves for the Shrubs and Stumps of Trees that covered the Ground between the two Armies, and also took off all Prospect they might have one of another. The *Venetian* Army marching in this Manner; and continually advancing along the higher Road, the Vanguard of the *French*, led by *Charles d' Amboise* and *Gianjacopo da Trivulzi*, in which were Five Hundred Lances and the *Swiss*; and the *Venetian* Rearguard commanded by *Bartolomeo Alviano*, consisting of Eight

Number  
of the  
Armies,

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Hundred Men at Arms, and almost all the Flower of the Foot, arrived at the Meeting of the Roads much about the same Time; but the *Venetians* marched in no good Order, because *Alviano* had no Thoughts of fighting that Day. However when he saw himself so near the Enemy, either stimulated by his usual Ardor, or finding himself reduced to such a Situation as made it necessary for him to engage, he immediately sent Notice to Count *Pitigliano*, who was advanced forwards with the other Part of the Army, of his Necessity and Resolution, desiring him to come to his Assistance. But the Count sent him word to pursue his March, and avoid fighting, because the Rules of War so required, and such were the Orders of the *Venetian* Senate.

ALVIANO having drawn up his Foot, with Six Pieces of Cannon, on a small Bank made to check the Violence of a Torrent, the Bed of which was then without Water, and lay between both Armies, attacked the Enemy with such Vigour and Fury that he made them give Way.



Way. In this Beginning of the Battle he was greatly favoured by some Vines, among which the first Charge was made, and which by their trailing Branches very much incommoded the *French* Horse. But their main Battle advancing with the King in Person to their Assistance, the two first Squadrons drew up and fell on the Enemy. *Alviano*, who had conceived mighty Hopes of the Victory from his prosperous Beginning, rode up and down, and was present every where, animating and encouraging his Troops with the most ardent and enlivening Speeches. The Fight was very furious and obstinate on all Sides, and the *French*, by the seasonable Advance of their main Body, having recovered their Courage and Spirits, and the Engagement being now drawn into an open Place, their Cavalry, in which they were much superior, had Room to exert their utmost Force. They were also much animated by the Presence of their King, who, without regarding his Person any more than if he had been a common Soldier, exposed himself to the Danger of the Cannon, and was for ever

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1309:

Battle of  
the *Ghiaradadda*.

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*A. D.* 1509. labouring by Commands, by Encouragements, and by Threats, as need required, to stimulate his Men to the Charge. On the other hand, the *Italian* Infantry, enlivened by their first Success, maintained the Fight with incredible Vigour, *Alviano* performing the Office of an excellent Soldier as well as of a General. But at last, after a valorous Contest for about the Space of three Hours, the *Venetian* Forces suffering very much from the Enemy's Horse in the open Plain, and besides not a little incommoded by the Ground, which was become very slippery, from a heavy Shower of Rain that fell during the Battle, and hindered their Infantry from standing firmly on their Feet, but, above all, wanting the Succour of the rest of their Troops, began to fight under very great Disadvantage. They continued however to make a noble and resolute Resistance, but having lost all Hopes of overcoming, they fought more for Glory than for Safety. and made the Victory bloody, and, for some time, dubious to the *French*; till, at last, being spent, and their Strength, but not their Courage, failing,

failing, the greatest Part, without turning their Backs to the Enemy, were killed in the Field. Among the Slain was the much celebrated *Piero*, one of the Marquises *del Monte a Santa Maria* in *Tuscany*, who had been an Officer of Foot in the Wars of *Pisa* in the Pay of the *Florentines*, and was now a Colonel of a Regiment of Foot in the Service of the *Venetians*. By this valiant Resistance of only one Part of the Army, it was then firmly believed by many, that if the whole *Venetian* Force had been engaged, they would have obtained the Victory. But Count *Pitigliano*, with the greater Part of the Army, kept off from the Field of Battle, either because, as he himself alledged, his Troops were put in Disorder, as he was turning them with an Intention to come up and engage, by a Squadron of Horse that fled; or rather, as the Report went, because he had no Hopes of getting the better, and was angry that *Alviano*, in Defiance of his Authority, had presumed to engage, and thought the wisest Measure he could take was to save that Part of the Army which was with him, and not

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Defeat of  
the *Vene-*  
*tians*.

*A. D.* not sacrifice the whole to another's inconsiderate Rashness. There died in this Battle but few Men at Arms, the greatest Loss fell upon the *Venetian* Foot, of whom some affirm that Eight Thousand were killed; others say, that the Number of the Dead on both Sides did not exceed Six Thousand. *Bartolomeo Alviano* remained Prisoner, having one of his Eyes almost beat out, and his whole Face much bruised, and in that Condition was conducted to the King's Pavilion; Twenty Picces of heavy Cannon were also taken, but the Remainder of the *Venetian* Army not being pursued, got off in Safety. Thus ended the famous Battle of the *Ghiaradadda*, or, as some call it, of *Vaila*, which was fought on the Fourteenth Day of *May*, and in Memory of which the King erected a Chapel on the Place where the Armies engaged, and honoured it with the Name of *Santa Maria della Vittoria*.

THE King of *France*, after obtaining so great a Victory, resolving not to lose by Negligence the Advantages he had acquired

quired by Valour and good Fortune, A. D. 1509.  
marched the next Day to *Caravaggio*.

The Town immediately submitted upon Progress of the French after the  
Articles, and the Citadel, after a Day's Progress of the French after the  
Battery, surrendered at Discretion. On ter the Battle.

the Day following, the City of *Bergamo*,  
without waiting the Arrival of the Army  
before the Place, surrendered itself to  
the King, who left Fifty Lances, and One  
Thousand Foot in the Town, in order to  
besiege the Castle, and directed his March  
to *Brescia*. Before his Arrival at that  
Place, the Castle of *Bergamo*, the Day Bergamo taken,  
after the Trenches were opened, capitulated,  
and agreed that *Maria Giorgio*,  
and the other *Venetian* Officers, should  
remain Prisoners. For the King had resolved,  
not so much out of Hatred, as in Hopes  
to extort large Ransoms, to grant no Article,  
in the Capitulation of any Town, by which  
the *Venetian* Noblemen might have Leave  
to retire in Safety. The Inhabitants of  
*Brescia* were not of the same Disposition  
as in the Days of their Grandfathers, when,  
in the Wars of *Philippo Maria Visconti*, they  
sustained a very hard Siege for the Sake of  
preserving them-



*A. D.* 1509. themselves under the *Venetian* Government. For they were now inclined to surrender themselves to the King, partly through the Terror of the *French* Arms, and partly by the Persuasions of Count *Gio. Francesco di Gambara*, Head of the Faction of the *Ghibellines*. Wherefore the Day after the Defeat the Townsmen seized on the Gates, and openly opposed *Giorgio Cornaro*, who had hastened thither with the utmost Expedition, and offered to put some Troops into the Place. And when afterwards the *Venetian* Army, diminished not so much by that Defeat, but, as it usually happens in like Cases, by Desertion, approached the City, the Inhabitants paid no Regard to the Authority and Intreaties of *Andrea Gritti*, who had entered into *Brescia*, and endeavoured to persuade them to admit the Army for their own Defence. Wherefore the Troops not thinking themselves secure in their present Situation, removed towards *Peschiera*, and then the City of *Brescia*, by the Interest and Sollicitations of the Family of the *Gambari*, surrendered itself to the King of *France*, as did two Days after

And  
*Brescia.*

after the Citadel, on condition of Liberty A. D.  
 and Safety to all that were within it, ex- 1509.  
 cept the *Venetian* Noblemen.

THE News of so many successive Calamities and Misfortunes arriving at General  
*Venice*, it is not to be expressed nor ima- Conster-  
 gined what Grief and Terror it struck nation at  
 into the Hearts of all the People, with *Venice.*  
 the Confusion and Astonishment into which it threw them. They were not accustomed to feel the Strokes of Adversity, but to come off Conquerors in almost all the Wars in which they had ever been engaged. But now they had presented before their Eyes the dismal Prospect of the Loss of their Dominions, and the Danger of the final Ruin and Destruction of their dear Country, instead of those pleasing Scenes of Glory and Grandeur from which they had but a few Months before proposed to themselves the Empire of all *Italy*. People from all Parts of the City ran with loud and miserable Lamentations to the Palace, where the Senate sat consulting what Measures to take in so pressing a Juncture, and after long De-  
 bate

*A. D.*  
*1509.* } bate concluded on nothing but Despair. For the Remedies appeared so weak and uncertain, and the Hopes of their Preservation so slender and groundless, as to afford no other Result, when they considered that they had no other Generals, and no other Soldiers than those who had escaped from the Battle, and were destitute of Strength and Spirits, and that the People subject to their Dominion were either inclined to rebel, or averse to suffer Loss, and hazard Life for their Sake. The King of *France* with an Army very powerful, and insolent with Victory, was disposed to follow the Course of his prosperous Fortune, and his Name alone was sufficient to induce every one to yield himself to his Subjection. And if they had not been able to resist that King, what must become of them on the Arrival of the King of the *Romans*, who, as reported, was approaching to their Borders, and now he had so fair an Opportunity, would doubtless quicken his March? Dangers and Despair appeared in all Quarters, with very few Signs of Hope. And what Security had they that in their own Country,

try, full of innumerable Multitudes, there would be no dangerous Insurrection, partly from a Greediness of Plunder, and partly out of Hatred to the Nobles? And thus did they reckon as most certain all those calamitous Events which their own Imagination represented as possible to happen; which is the greatest Degree of Timidity.

UNDER the Weight of these terrible and alarming Apprehensions, the Senate however, after some time, recollected their Spirits in the best Manner they could, and resolved to use their utmost Efforts to reconcile themselves upon any Terms whatsoever to the Pope, to the King of the *Romans*, and to the Catholic King, without taking any Thoughts about appeasing the King of *France*, for they as much distrusted him for his Hatred against them, as they dreaded the Power of his Arms. Nor yet did they on this account in the least abate of their Sollicitude to defend themselves, by providing Supplies of Money, and making new Levies in all their Territories; and being apprehensive of a Fleet which was said to be preparing

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*Venetians*  
prepare  
for their  
Defence.

*A. D.* at *Genoa*, they increased their naval Force  
 1509. to Fifty Gallies, and appointed *Angelo*  
*Trevifano* to command it.

Further  
 Progress  
 of the  
*French*  
 King.

BUT all their Counsels were prevented by the Diligence and Activity of the King of *France*, to whom, after the Acquisition of *Brescia*, the City of *Cremona* surrendered, the Castle still remaining in the Hands of the *Venetians*\*; which, though in a good State of Defence, would have followed the Example of the rest, as did much about the same time the Castle of *Pizzichitone*, if the King would have consented that all who were in the Place should have Leave to depart in Safety; but many of the *Venetian* Nobles being there, and amongst the rest *Zaccharia Contarino*, a very wealthy Nobleman, he refused to accept their Surrendry, but on Condition of submitting to his absolute Disposal. Leaving therefore some Troops to block it up, and the *Venetian* Army, which continually diminished, being encamped

\* To this might be added *Crema*, which Town was surrendered to the King by Means of *Soncino Benzone*.  
*Binks.*



camped in the *Campo Martio* near to *Verona*, because the *Veronese* would not receive them within their Walls, the King marched forwards to *Peschiera*, to make himself Master of the Castle of that Place, the Town having already surrendered. Soon after the Batteries had begun to play, the *Swiss* and *Gascons* made an Attack, and entering thro' some small Breaches in the Wall with irresistible Force, put the Garrison, in Number about Four Hundred, to the Sword. The Governor, who had also the Command of the Town, and was a *Venetian* Nobleman, being made a Prisoner, was, by the King's Orders, together with his Son, hanged on the Battlements of the same Castle. What induced the King to this Piece of Cruelty, was his Intention to terrify those who were in the Castle of *Cremona*, and deter them, by this exemplary Punishment, from defending themselves to the last Extremity. Thus, in the Space of Fifteen Days after the Battle, had the King of *France* made himself Master of all that Part of the *Milanese* allotted to him by the Division made at *Cambray*, the

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Castle of *Cremona* excepted : An Acquisition of vast Advantage to the Dutchy of *Milan*, and by which the royal Revenue was increased yearly by above Two Hundred Thousand Ducats.

Motions  
of the  
Pope's  
Army.

IN the mean time, there was no certain News of the Motions of the King of the *Romans*, but the Pope had attacked the Towns of *Romagna*, with an Army of Four Hundred Men at Arms, as many light Horse, and Eight Thousand Foot, and with a Train of Artillery borrowed from the Duke of *Ferrara*, whom he had appointed Gonfaloniere of the Church ; a Title in our Times rather of Dignity than Authority. The Ecclesiastic Forces were put under the Direction of *Francesco da Castel del Rio*, Cardinal of *Pavia*, with the Title of Apostolical Legate, and *Francesco Maria della Rovere*, Son to the late *John* the Pope's Brother, who being adopted by *Guido Ubald*, Duke of *Urbino*, his Uncle by the Mother's Side, and the Adoption confirmed by the Authority of the Pope in Consistory, had the Year before, the Duke dying without Issue male,

suc-

succeeded him in the Dutchy. The *A. D.*  
Army marched from *Cesena* towards *Cer-* *1509.*  
*via*, and being arrived between *Inola* and  
*Faenza*, they took the Town of *Solarolo*,  
and having encamped some Days at *Bastia*,  
three Miles from *Faenza*, removed to  
*Brisighella*, the principal Town of the  
Valley of *Lamone*, into which had enter-  
ed *Gian Pagolo Manfrone* with Eight  
Hundred Foot and some Horse. These  
Troops sallying forth in order to fight the  
Enemy, were drawn into an Ambush,  
where they were vigorously charged by  
*Gian Pagolo Baglione* and *Lodovico della*  
*Mirandola*, Commanders in the Eccle-  
siastical Army, and flying back to the  
Town, their Pursuers entered pell mell  
with them into the Place, and with such  
Violence, that *Manfrone*, who had fallen  
from his Horse, had scarce Time to re-  
tire into the Castle, which being besieged,  
the first Shot that was made set Fire to  
the Powder in the Magazine, and so  
frightened and confounded the Besieged,  
that they surrendered without any Condi-  
tions to the Discretion of the Conquerors.  
After taking Possession of the whole Val-

*A. D.* 1509. } ley, the Army made a Descent into the Plain, and took *Granarolo*, with all the other Towns and Villages of the Territory of *Faenza*, and went to encamp at *Ruffi*, a Castle situated between *Faenza* and *Ravenna*, but not easy to be taken, being surrounded with a wide and deep Fosse, and had a Garrison of Six Hundred foreign Soldiers: But what rendered the Siege more difficult, was the Want of Conduct and Harmony in the Pope's Army; for though it abounded in Troops, having been newly reinforced with Three Thousand *Swiss*, yet on this account, it made not so great a Progress as otherwise it might, as the *Venetians* were not powerful in *Romagna*. *Giovanni*, a Greek Captain of *Stradiotti*, having sallied out of *Ravenna* with his Company, was routed and taken Prisoner by *Giovanni Vitelli*; and *Ruffi*, after the Army had lain before it ten Days, was at last surrendered upon Articles; and the Victory of the King of *France* happening at this Time, the City of *Faenza*, which, by reason of the small Garrison of *Venetian* Soldiers, was at its own Disposal, agreed to come under the

the Pope's Dominion, if it received no Succours in Fifteen Days. This Agreement being made, Five Hundred *Venetian* Foot marched out of *Faenza*, under the Legate's Word of Honour for their Security, but were disarmed and stripped by Order of the Duke of *Urbino*. The Example of *Faenza* was followed by the City of *Ravenna* as soon as the Army came before the Place. Thus, more by the Reputation of the King's Victory, than by the Power of his own Arms, did the Pope recover the Towns he so much desired in *Romagna*, in which the *Venetians* had nothing left but the Castle of *Ravenna*.

THE Defeat of the *Venetian* Army raised every Day new Enemies to that Republic. The Duke of *Ferrara*, who had hitherto not thought fit to declare himself, on a sudden expelled out of *Ferrara* the *Bisdomino*, a Magistrate whom, by antient Conventions, the *Venetians* maintained in that City, to administer Justice to their own Subjects; and taking up Arms recovered, without Opposition,



*A. D.* 1509. { sition, the *Polesine di Rovigo*, and sunk with his Cannon the *Venetian* Float on the River *Adice*. The Marquis of *Mantua* took possession of *Asola* and *Lunato*, which had been taken by the *Venetians* from his Great Grandfather *Giovannifrancesco da Gonzaga*, in their Wars against *Filippo Maria Visconte*. In *Istria*, *Christofano Frangipane* made himself Master of *Pisino* and *Divinio*. And the Duke of *Brunswick*, by Orders from *Cæsar*, entering *Friuli* with Two Thousand Militia, took possession of *Feltro* and *Belona*. And at his Approach, and the Fame of the Victory obtained by the *French*, *Trieste* and those other Towns, the Acquisition of which had been the Source of so many Calamities to the Republic, returned under the Dominion of *Cæsar*. Moreover the Counts of *Ladrona* seized on some neighbouring Castles, as did the Bishop of *Trent* on *Riva di Trento* and *Agresto*. But nothing since the Defeat so much terrified the *Venetians* as the Loss of the Citadel of *Peschiera*, which, they expected, would by its Strength repress the Fury, and stop the Progress of the

the Conqueror. Astonished at such a <sup>A. D.</sup> Train of Misfortunes, they were also ap- <sup>1509.</sup> prehensive that the King of *France* would make a further Progress, for their Troops being reduced to a very small Number, and without Order or Discipline, were retired to *Mestre*. Wherefore looking on their Affairs as desperate, and following the Dictates of Fear rather than of Judgment, they resolved to lessen the Number of their Enemies, and, perhaps by too hasty a Despair, abandon the Defence of the *Terra firma*, that the King of *France* might have no Inducement to advance towards their Capital, where they were not without Apprehensions of an Insurrection, either of the Populace, or of the innumerable Multitude of Foreigners living in *Venice*, to which they might be tempted by a greedy Desire of Plunder. They were also in Danger from their own Citizens, who, they had reason to believe, could no longer bear that, being free Denizens by long Succession of Ages in the same City, and even many of them of the same Blood and the same Families with the Nobles, they should be excluded from Honours,

*A. D.* and in all Matters subjected and forced to  
<sup>1509.</sup> give Way to the superior Rank of these  
proud Men of Quality. For this Despondency and Abjectness of Mind in giving up their Territory, the Senate, amongst others, gave also this Reason, that if they voluntarily relinquished their Dominions for the Sake of avoiding the present Dangers, whenever prosperous Fortune should return, they might recover them with the greater Facility. For when the People were left at Liberty to dispose of their Obedience according to their own Discretion, they would shew less Reluctance to return under their antient Government, than if they had departed from their Duty in open Rebellion.

INDUCED by these Reasons, the *Venetians*, unmindful of the national Valour, and of the Splendor of so glorious a Republic, were contented to keep themselves within the Bounds of the salt Waters, and gave Orders to their Officers and Magistrates in *Padoua*, *Verona*, and other Towns destined to *Maximilian*, to leave them in the Disposal of the Inhabitants,  
and

and come away. Besides this they dispatched, with all Speed, *Antonio Giustini* Ambassador to that Prince, to obtain of him a Peace upon any Conditions. This Ambassador being admitted into *Cæsar's* Presence at a public Audience, spoke in a lamentable and very submissive Manner; but in vain, for *Cæsar* refused to make any Convention without the King of *France*.

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*Venetians*  
abandon  
the *Terra*  
*firma*.

I THINK it not foreign to my Purpose, that we may form the better Notion of the mighty Consternation that had seized on the Republic, which, for above Two Hundred Years before, had never felt the like Strokes of Adversity, to insert the genuine Speech of the Ambassador, translated Word for Word out of *Latin* into our own Tongue, as follows:

“ IT is manifest and certain, that the antient Philosophers, and principal Men among the Heathens, were not mistaken when they asserted, that the true, solid, lasting and immortal Glory was that which a Man acquired by conquering himself.

Speech of  
the *Vene-*  
*tian* Am-  
bassador  
to *Cæsar*.

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*A. D.* 1509. This they exalted above all Kingdoms, Trophies, and Triumphs. For this was the greatest Praise given to *Scipio* the elder, a Man famous for so many Victories, who, by getting the Mastery of himself, acquired more Renown than by his Triumph over *Africa*, and his Conquest of *Carthage*. Was it not the same Virtue that gained Immortality to the Great *Macedonian*? When *Darius*, overcome by him in a very fatal Battle, prayed to the immortal Gods to restore him to his Kingdom, he added, that if they had otherwise decreed, he would desire no other Successor than so generous an Enemy, so merciful a Conqueror. *Cæsar* the Dictator, whose Name and Fortune your Majesty inherits, and with whose Liberality, Magnificence, and other Virtues you are endowed; did he not merit to be enrolled among the Number of the Gods by Condescending, Restoring, and Forgiving? And, to name no more, the Senate and People of *Rome*, those Conquerors of the World, whose Empire on Earth remains in you alone, and of whose Greatness and Majesty you are the

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Representative; did they not subject Nations and Provinces more by Clemency, Equity, and Gentleness, than by Force of Arms and Violences?"

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“SINCE all this must be granted, it will be no inconsiderable Addition to your Majesty's Praise, if now, while you have Victory in your Hands, and the *Venetians* at your Feet, you would put yourself in mind of human Frailty, and know how to use your good Fortune with Moderation, by attending more to the Study of Peace than to the doubtful Events of War. For how great is the Instability of human Affairs, how uncertain Chances, how dubious, mutable, fallacious, and hazardous the Condition of Mortals, we need no foreign nor antient Examples to demonstrate; we have a more than sufficient Proof in the *Venetian* Republic, which but a little while since was flourishing, splendid, celebrated, and potent to such a high Degree, that the Lustre of its Name, and Fame of its Power, were not confined within the Bounds of *Europe*, but spread themselves with extraordinary Splen-

*A. D.* 1509. Splendor and Admiration, through *Africa* and *Asia*, and their Praise resounded even to the remotest Ends of the Earth. How is this so lately glorious a Commonwealth, by one unprosperous Battle, in a slight Engagement, deprived at once of the Fame of its glorious Actions, despoiled of its Riches, torn in Pieces, trampled under Foot, ruined, and in Want of all Things, but especially of good Counsel, and depressed to such a Degree, that the very Idea of all its antient Valour and Resolution seems to be lost, and all that noble Ardor and Thirst after Glory in Wars totally extinguished."

" BUT they, I mean the *French*, undoubtedly deceive themselves, if they ascribe so great a Revolution to their own Valour; since it is well known that the *Venetians* have struggled under greater Calamities in Times past; they have been distressed, they have been exhausted by vast Losses and Damages; but they never desponded, nor sunk into Despair, particularly during the Time when they sustained for many Years, so very dangerous

gerous a War with that most cruel Enemy the *Turkish* Tyrant, whom they bravely resisted, till by Perseverance, instead of being conquered, they became, in the End, Conquerors. The Republic would have expected the same Event in the present Distress, had not the Dread of the Name of *Cæsar*, and the Resolution of his bold and invincible Troops, sunk their Courage, and depressed their Spirits, and struck such an universal Damp, as deprived them of all Hopes not only of Victory, but even of Resistance. We therefore, laying down our Arms, fly for Refuge to the inexpressible Clemency, or rather Godlike Pity and Commiseration of your Majesty, on which we entirely depend in our lost and despairing Condition: Beseeching your Majesty, in the Name of our Prince and Senate, and of the *Venetian* People, that you would cast an Eye of Pity on our afflicted Circumstances, and administer a sovereign Remedy to our Evils. We are ready to embrace whatever Conditions of Peace you shall please to prescribe, as just, honourable, and conformable to Equity and

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*A. D.* and Reason. But we may perhaps be  
 150 : thought worthy to tax ourselves \* ; and  
 therefore, freely and with one Consent,  
 restore unto your Majesty, as the true and  
 rightful Lord, all those Lands and Posses-  
 sions which our Ancestors have taken from  
 the Holy Empire, and from the Dutchy  
 of *Austria*. And to render this Offer the  
 more convenient and acceptable, we free-  
 ly and voluntarily relinquish to your Ma-  
 jesty all our Possessions on the *Terra firma*,  
 renouncing all Right and Title to them,  
 by what Means soever acquired. Besides  
 this, we will pay to your Majesty, and  
 your lawful Successors in the Empire, the  
 Sum of Fifty Thousand Ducats yearly for  
 ever, and we will yield voluntary Obe-  
 dience to your Majesty's Orders, Edicts,  
 Laws, and Precepts. Defend us, we be-  
 seech you, from the Insolence of those  
 who, from being but a little while ago  
 our Confederates, are now become our  
 most cruel Enemies. Being thus pre-  
 served by your Majesty's Clemency, we  
 shall

\* *Ma forse noi siamo degni che da noi medesimi ci tassia-  
 mo* ; as much as to say, We are left at liberty to burden  
 ourselves with such Conditions as may perhaps procure  
 a Peace.

shall ever call you the Father and the Founder of our City: We shall record in our Annals, and perpetually recount to our Children the great Merits of *Cæsar*. And it will be no small Addition to your Praises, that you are the first at whose Feet the *Venetian* Republic has in so suppliant a Manner prostrated itself, the first to whom it has bowed the Neck, whom it honours, reverences, and regards as a celestial God. Had it pleased the great God and Lord of all to have restrained the Inclinations of our Ancestors from intermeddling in the Affairs of others, our Republic would still outvie in Splendor all other Cities in *Europe*; but now, alas! it lies in the Dust, miserable, forlorn, and dejected, the Triumph of Envy and Malice, exposed to Derision and Reproach, and in a Moment deprived of the Glory of all its former Victories. But since it is necessary for us to return to the Point from whence we begun, it lies in your Power, O *Cæsar*, by forgiving and pardoning your *Venetians*, to purchase to yourself a Name and Glory, greater and more splendid than ever any Conqueror



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queror acquired by Victory, and which no Succession of Ages, nor the most distant Length of Time can possibly efface from the Minds of Men; but all future Generations will celebrate your Praise, and confess and call you the pious, the merciful, and the most glorious Prince upon Earth. We in particular, your *Venetians*, shall ascribe it as entirely owing to your Goodness, Generosity, and Clemency, that we live, breathe, and enjoy the Benefit of human Society."

*Venetians*  
surrender  
the Towns  
in *Puglia*  
and *Romagna*.

THE Senate, in pursuance of the same Resolution, dispatched a Person to *Puglia*, to make a Cession of the Ports in that Country to the King of *Aragon*. That Prince, well knowing that he should reap the Fruits of another's Labour without Expence or Hazard, had fitted out but a very small Fleet from *Spain*, which took Possession of some Places of little Importance in the Territories of those Cities. They deputed also a Secretary of the Republic into *Romagna*, with a Commission to surrender into the Hands of the Pope, all that they yet possessed in that

that Country, on condition that *Gian* A. D. 1509.  
*Pagolo Manfrone* and the other Prisoners  
 should be set at Liberty, and that they  
 might have Leave to withdraw the  
 Troops and Artillery that were in the  
 Citadel of *Ravenna*. While the Pope  
 hesitated at accepting these Conditions,  
 because he would not displease the Con-  
 federates, the Garrison gave up the Ci-  
 tadel, contrary to the Will of the *Venetian*  
 Secretary, who was in the Place, and  
 had some Assurances from those who  
 managed the Treaty at *Rome*, that the  
 Pope would at last consent to the Condi-  
 tions on which the Surrender had been  
 offered. His Holiness made heavy Com-  
 plaints, that the Senate of *Venice* had  
 treated him with more Contumacy than  
 they had shewed towards *Cæsar* and the  
 King of *Aragon*. And therefore when  
 the *Venetian* Cardinals *Grimano* and *Cor-  
 naro* demanded of him, in the Name  
 of the Senate, Absolution from the Mo-  
 nitory, as their Due, because they had  
 offered the Restitution of the Towns he  
 demanded within the Term of Twenty-  
 four Days, his Holiness answered, that

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*A. D.* they had not yielded Obedience, be-  
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 but with Restrictions and Conditions, and  
 had been admonished also to restore, be-  
 sides the Towns, all the Profits they had  
 received, with the Effects belonging to the  
 Church, or to the Ecclesiastics.

THUS were the Affairs of the *Venetian*  
 Republic, by a violent and astonishing  
 Shock, precipitated to the lowest Degree  
 of Misery, with a continual Accumulation  
 of Calamity upon Calamity, all Hopes  
 vanishing as soon as proposed, and no Re-  
 source left, by means of which it might  
 hope at least, after the Loss of so much  
 Empire, to preserve its own Liberty. So  
 great a Catastrophe variously affected the  
 Minds of the *Italians*; some beheld it  
 with the greatest Pleasure, remembering  
 the ambitious Proceedings of that People,  
 who, setting aside all Regard to Justice  
 and public Faith, seized upon all Oppor-  
 tunities that offered, and had openly  
 sought Means to bring all *Italy* in Subjec-  
 tion to them. Such Attempts rendered  
 their Name universally detested, and they  
 were

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were still the more hated for the Report, <sup>A. D. 1509.</sup> which prevailed every where, of their natural Pride and Haughtiness. Many, on the contrary, considered the Matter with more sound judgment, reflecting what a dismal and calamitous Situation it must be, for *Italy* to find itself intirely reduced under Slavery to Foreigners. They resented, with the deepest Concern and Indignation, that so great a City, so antient a Seat of Liberty, that diffused the Splendor of the *Italian* Name over all the World, should be driven to such Extremities; that now there remained no Bridle to the Fury of the Ultramontanes, since the most honourable Member of the *Italic* Body, which had, above all others, maintained the common Fame and Estimation, was struck dead and useles.

BUT the Pope, more than all the rest of the Powers of *Italy*, began to be concerned at so great a Revolution. His Holiness entertained a Jealousy of the Power of the King of the *Romans* and of the King of *France*, and was therefore desirous that they should be in-

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involved in some Difficulties, which might divert their Thoughts from oppressing himself. With this View he determined, though secretly, to put a Stop, as far as in him lay, to the Course of Misfortunes which overwhelmed the miserable *Venetians*. And therefore he accepted the Letters written to him in the Name of the Doge of *Venice*, in which he beseeched his Holiness, with the most profound Submission, that he would condescend to admit six Ambassadors, chosen out of the principal Members of the Senate, to supplicate, in the most humble Manner, his Pardon and Absolution. The Letters were read, and the Demand proposed in a Consistory; and it being pleaded, in behalf of the Supplicants, that it was the antient Custom of the Church not to exercise Severity towards those who, repenting of their Crimes, demanded Pardon, it was agreed that they should be admitted. The Ambassadors of *Cæsar* and of the King of *France* strenuously opposed their Admission, putting his Holiness in Mind that, by the Treaty of *Cambray*, he was expressly obliged



liged to prosecute the *Venetians* both A. D. 1509. with his spiritual and temporal Arms, till each of the Confederates had recovered what belonged to him. The Pope answered, that he had consented to admit the Ambassadors of *Venice*, but did not intend to grant the Absolution, before *Cæsar*, who was the only Member of the Alliance that had not recovered the Whole of his Pretensions, should be put in full Possession of all that belonged to him.

THIS Step of the Pope somewhat revived the Spirits of the *Venetians*, and they began not to despair of their Preservation. But they were much more effectually relieved from the extreme Terror, with which they had been seized, by the Resolution of the King of *France*, to observe indeed faithfully and punctually his Engagements with *Cæsar*, but, after he had acquired what he expected for himself, not to proceed with his Army beyond his own Bounds. For this Reason, when it was in his Power to make himself Master of *Verona*, which City had

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sent Deputies to offer him their Obedience, and to surrender the Place into his Hands, after he had taken *Peschiera*; and when he might in like manner have taken Possession, without Opposition, of *Padoua*, and other Towns abandoned by the *Venetians*, he refused the Offers, and directed the Deputies of *Verona* to present the Keys of their City to the Ambassadors of *Cæsar*, who attended his Army \*. On the same Account he continued with his whole Army encamped at *Peschiera*, which Town, invited by the Commodiousness of its Situation; he retained in his own Possession, though it belonged to the Marquis of *Mantoua*, and had been formerly, together with *Asola* and *Lunato*, seized by the *Venetians*. The Marquis durst not refuse him, but had the Liberty to retain to himself the Revenues of the Place, and had the Promise of an Equivalent in Recompence.

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\* The King of *France* would not accept the Keys of *Verona*, because he would not contravene the League of *Cambray*; but he sent thither *Andrea di Burgo*, an Agent of *Maximilian*, who took Possession of that City in the Name of his Prince.

ABOUT this Time the Castle of *Cremona* was surrendered upon Articles, by which it was agreed, that the Garrison should be safe in their Lives and Effects, except those who had been Subjects to the King of *France*, and the *Venetian* Noblemen, who had the King's Word of Honour given them for their Lives, but were to remain his Prisoners. The Example of *Verona* was followed by *Padoua*, *Vicenza*, and the other Places on the *Terra firma*, except the City of *Trevigi*, which, being abandoned by the *Venetian* Magistrates and Garrison, would have done the same, had *Cæsar* appeared with ever so small a Number of Troops, or even some Person of Authority in his Name. But one *Lionardo da Dressina*, *Trevigi* an Exile of *Vicenza*, being come to *Tre-* firm to the *Venetians*.  
*vigi*, tho' without Forces, Arms, or any Pretence of Authority, and admitted into the Place, where he expected to receive, in the Name of *Cæsar*, the Submission of the Inhabitants, in the like manner as it had happened to him at *Padoua*, the Exiles of that City, who had been lately

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restored by the *Venetians*, and out of Gratitude devoted to their Interest, began to be tumultuous. On this Occasion the Populace, who were likewise well affected to the *Venetian* Government, made an Insurrection, and having at their Head one *Marco* a Shoemaker, amidst a vast Concourse, and with loud Shouts from the Multitude, carried into the principal Square the *Venetian* Standard, crying out, with one Voice, *San Marco*, protesting that they would acknowledge no other Government nor Lord. This Disposition of the Inhabitants was not a little confirmed by the Ambassador of the King of *Hungary*, who in his Way to *Venice*, passing thro' *Trevigi*, happened to find himself in the Midst of the Tumult, and exhorted the People against Rebellion. So they drove out *Dressina*, and received into their City Six Hundred *Venetian* Foot; and soon after the Army, which was increased by the Troops arrived from *Sclavonia*, and those which were returned from *Romagna*, and had designed to form a Camp strongly entrenched between *Marghera* and *Mestre*, entered *Trevigi*.  
Now

Now all Hands were set at Work, with <sup>A. D.</sup> the utmost Diligence, on the Fortifica- <sup>1509.</sup>  
 tions, and the Horse were ordered to  
 scour the neighbouring Country, and  
 bring all the Provisions they could find  
 into the City, not only to supply the Ne-  
 cessities of the Inhabitants, but also for  
 the Use of the City of *Venice*, where  
 they were amassing vast Quantities from  
 all Parts,

THE principal Cause of this Accident, <sup>III</sup> Con-  
 which gave the *Venetians* Hopes of saving <sup>duct of</sup>  
 some Part of their Dominions, and made <sup>Maximi-</sup>  
 Way for many other Events of great  
 Importance, was the negligent and disor-  
 derly Conduct of *Cæsar*. For in so rapid  
 a Course of Victories the Public heard  
 nothing of him all the while but his  
 Name, tho' by the Terror of the *French*  
 Arms so many Towns were surrendered  
 to him, which by his Presence he might  
 have easily preserved. But after the  
 Confederacy made at *Cambray*, he staid  
 some time in *Flanders*, in order to re-  
 ceive a voluntary Contribution of Money  
 from those People, to enable him to carry  
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*A. D.* 1509. on the War; which he had no sooner received than, according to his Custom, he squandered away in needless Expences. And tho' he set out from *Mechlin* armed, and with all the Imperial Pomp and Formalities, and arrived on the Borders of *Italy*, spreading a Report that he would begin the War before the Time appointed by the Treaty, yet, labouring under his usual Difficulties and Embarrassments, he proceeded no further. Nor was he to be moved by the pressing Instances of the Pope, who, from the Terror which he had conceived of the *French* Arms, was continually soliciting him to come into *Italy*, and the better to enable him to do it, had sent him Fifty Thousand Ducats, by *Constantino* of *Macedonia*, having before consented that he should appropriate to his Use One Hundred Thousand Ducats, which had several Years ago been repositied in *Germany*, to be spent in a War against the Infidels. And besides these Sums, he had received of the King of *France* One Hundred Thousand Ducats, for the Investiture of *Milan*. It is true, that when he arrived near *Inspruck*, and received the  
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News of the Battle of *Vaila*, he immediately ordered the Duke of *Brunswick* to recover the Province of *Friuli*. But he himself never stirred, and lost so fair an Opportunity for Want of Money, all the Sums he had received in so many Places not being sufficient to answer his Prodigality. At last he advanced as far as *Trent*, from whence he sent Letters of Thanks to the King of *France*, for having by his Means recovered his Towns, and to assure him that, for the greater Testimony of his hearty good Will towards him, and that the Memory of all former Offences might be utterly abolished, he had caused a Book, in which were recorded all the Injuries which had been done by the Kings of *France*, to the Empire and to the *German* Nation in Times past, and which was kept at *Spires*, to be committed to the Flames.

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WHILE *Maximilian* was at *Trent*, on the 13th Day of *June* he received a Visit from the Cardinal of *Rouen*, who came to treat about Affairs relating to the common Cause. His Eminence was received with

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 extraordinary Marks of Honour, and promised *Cæsar*, in the Name of his King, an auxiliary Regiment of Five Hundred Lances. After they had dispatched the Business that lay before them in perfect Harmony, it was agreed that *Cæsar* and the King of *France* should have an Interview and Conference in the open Field near the Town of *Garda*, on the Confines of their respective Dominions. For this Purpose the King of *France* put himself in Readiness to be present on the Day prefixed, and with the same Design *Cæsar* came to *Riva di Trento*; where he had not stayed above two Hours before he suddenly returned to *Trent*, sending Notice at the same time to the King of *France*, that some new Accidents had happened in *Friuli*, which obliged him to return, and entreated him to continue at *Cremona*, promising to return very soon in order to hold the Conference according to Appointment. This Change of Mind, if it be possible to assign the true Reason in a Prince of so fickle a Temper, many ascribed to something privately whispered in his Ear, which had thrown him into  
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Suspensions, as he was by Nature very credulous. Others imputed it to his Consciousness that, having but a small Court and few Attendants, he could not appear with that Dignity and Reputation which could any way come in Comparison with the Pomp and Grandeur of the King of *France*. But *Lewis*, who was desirous of lessening his great Expences, by disbanding his Army with all Speed, made Provision for his immediate Return into *France*, and set out for *Milan*, without hearkening to *Maximilian's* Proposal. Nor could he be diverted from his Resolution by *Matteo Lango*, now Bishop of *Goritz*, who was sent for that Purpose, and followed the King as far as *Cremona*, earnestly entreating him to have a little Patience, and wait, assuring him of his Master's most certain and speedy Return.

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THE Removal of the Person and Army of the most Christian King from the Confines of *Cæsar's* Dominions, had an ill Effect on his Affairs, and greatly diminished his Reputation. And yet, tho' he might easily have provided for the Defence

A. D. 1509. fence of *Padova* and other Towns, with what Force he had about him, he took no Care to put Garrisons in them, either because he was naturally inconstant and remiss, or had some other Enterprize first in View; or else because he thought it would be more for his Honour to make a Descent into *Italy* at the Head of a greater Army; and, as if the preliminary Requisites were brought to Perfection, and there was nothing more to do, he proposed, with the united Forces of the whole Confederacy, to attack the City of *Venice*. A Project to which the King of *France* readily hearkened, but was disagreeable to the Pope, and openly contradicted by the King of *Aragon*.

Affairs of  
*Pisa*.

IN the mean time the *Florentines* gave the finishing Stroke to the War against the *Pisans*. For after they had prevented the Importation of Corn into *Pisa*, they made an Augmentation of their Troops, and resolved to employ their utmost Force and Industry to hinder all Supplies of any Kind of Provision from entering into *Pisa*, either by Sea or Land. This could not  
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be accomplished without some Difficulty, A. D.  
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on account of the Vicinity of the Territory belonging to the *Lucchese*, who in this respect were no faithful Observers of the Agreement they had lately made with the *Florentines*, whenever they had an Opportunity to transgress it in private. The Scarcity of Provisions however increasing every Day in *Pisa*, was become at last intolerable to the Peasants; wherefore those Heads of the Citizens who had the Direction of the public Resolutions, and were followed by the greatest Part of the *Pisan* Youth, in order to quiet the Minds of the Peasants by their usual Arts, set on Foot, by Mediation of the Lord of *Piombino*, a Treaty for making an Agreement with the *Florentines*. To negotiate this Treaty, which was artfully spun out to a great Length, *Niccolo Macchiavelli*, Secretary to the *Florentines*, and a Number of *Pisan* Ambassadors, chosen out of the Citizens and Peasants, were sent to *Piombino*. But *Pisa* was a City very difficult to block up, having a wide mountainous Territory, full of Ditches and Bogs, which render it difficult to intercept

*A. D.*  
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IN order to surmount these Difficulties, the Generals of the *Florentines* resolved to divide the Army into three Parts, that being distributed into several Quarters, it might the more commodiously prevent all Entrance into *Pisa*. They posted one Part of the Forces at *Mazzano*, to take care of the Gate that leads to the Hills; a Second at *San Piero a Rena* and at *San Jacopo*, opposite to the Gate of *Lucca*; and the Third near the old Church of *San Piero in Grado*, which lies between *Pisa* and the Mouth of the *Arno*. In each Camp, which was well fortified, they placed One Thousand Foot, besides a good Number of Horse; and, for the better Security of the Road that leads through the Valley of *Osole* to Mount *San Giuliano*.

*Giuliano*, and so over the Hills, they erected, towards the great Hospital, a Redoubt capable of containing Two Hundred and Fifty Foot. A. D.  
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By this Proceeding the Wants of the *Pisans* daily increasing, they formed a Design of procuring some Relief by Stratagem, since they found it impracticable by Force. For this Purpose they dealt with one *Alfonso del Mutolo*, a young Man of *Pisa*, who had not long before been taken Prisoner by a Party of *Florentines*, and had received very great Favours from the Man who took him. This Fellow they employed to offer the *Florentines*, by Means of his Interest, to put into their Hands by Stealth the Gate of *Lucca*, designing when the Camp at *San Jacopo* should advance by Night to take Possession of the Gate, to admit as many as came, and then cut them to Pieces, and at the same time to attack one of the other Camps, which, by Appointment, were to move nearer to the City in order to favour the Enterprize. But the Troops approaching not in a rash and disorderly

*A. D.* 1509. *Manner*, as was expected, the *Pisans* reaped no other Benefit of their Plot, than the killing a few Men, who had entered the Portal, among whom was *Canaccio da Prato Vecchio*, the Man who had taken Prisoner this *Alfonso*, in confidence of whose Faith the Design had been concerted; there perished also, by a Cannon Shot, *Pagolo da Parrana*, Captain of a Troop of *Florentine* light Horse.

A Plot  
miscarries.

THE *Pisans* disappointed in their Project, and no Corn now being brought to *Pisa* but in very small Quantities, and that by Stealth, and with very great Danger to the Importers, the *Florentines*, to increase their Distress, would not suffer the useless Mouths to come out of the City, but inflicted various Punishments on those who came forth. Hence the Necessaries of Life bore an excessive Price, and there not being a Quantity sufficient for all, many died for Want of Food. And yet, in the Midst of all this Distress, the Obstinacy of those Citizens who were at the Head of the Administration, was greater than the public Wants. Those  
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Magistrates, who had rather see the final Destruction of their Country, than yield even to so dreadful a Necessity, laboured to put off from Day to Day an Accommodation, and to feed the Multitude with Hopes sometimes of one kind, sometimes of another ; and above all they endeavoured to make them believe that by the Coming of *Cæsar*, who was every Day expected in *Italy*, the *Florentines* would be obliged to break up their Camps, and leave the City at Liberty.

BUT Part of the Peasants, and particularly those who had been at *Piombino*, where they had learned what were the Politics of their Leaders, made an Insurrection, and constrained their Rulers to enter upon a new Treaty with the *Florentines*. The Negotiation was transacted with *Alamanno Salviati*, Commissary of that Part of the Army which was quartered at *San Piero in Grado*, and after various Disputes, notwithstanding the same Citizens continually used their utmost Diligence to prevent an Accommodation,

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Agreement between the  
*Florentines*  
and *Pisani*.



A. D. 1509. } dation, the Treaty was brought to a Conclusion.

THE Conditions were very favourable to the *Pisans*, if it be considered that they not only obtained a full and free Remission of all Offences and Misdemeanours, both public and private, but a Concession also of many Privileges and Exemptions. They were besides excused from making Restitution to the *Florentines*, of those moveable Goods of theirs, which they had seized at the Beginning of the Rebellion. So eagerly desirous was the Republic to regain the Dominion of *Pisa*, and so strong were their Apprehensions that *Maximilian*, who had named the *Pisans* in the Treaty of *Cambray*, though that Nomination was not accepted by the King of *France*, or an unexpected Accident from some other Quarter should interfere and cross their Designs. And tho' they were certain that the *Pisans* would have been forced by Hunger to submit within a very few Days, they chose rather to make sure of their Design by an Agreement, tho' upon hard Terms, than without

without a Composition, to entrust any <sup>A. D.</sup> Part of their Certainty to the Power of <sup>1509.</sup> Fortune. This Agreement, tho' begun to be negotiated in the Camp, was afterwards, under the Management of the *Pisan* Ambassadors, concluded at *Florence*. In the Execution of this Treaty, the Faith of the *Florentines* cannot be too much admired, who, though at such Variance and Enmity, and exasperated by numberless Injuries, were yet no less faithful and punctual in fulfilling their Promises, than they had been easy and gracious in making them.

IT is certain that the King of the *Romans* was not a little disturbed at the Submission of the *Pisans*, either because he had persuaded himself that the Dominion of that City would have been of mighty Service to him on many Occasions, or because he imagined that his giving Consent that the *Florentines* should have it, would have obtained of them a round Sum of Money, for want of which he let slip many fair Opportunities which offered themselves without any

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he thus neglected to serve himself of favourable Occasions, and had scarce a Soldier of his own in *Vicenza* or *Padoua*, and by his Remissness had cooled the Ar-  
 dor of the Inhabitants of those Towns which were well affected, and often and suddenly shifted, with a few Troops about him, from Place to Place, the *Venetians* laid hold of the Opportunity that presented for the Recovery of *Padoua*. They were induced to this Attempt by many Reasons; for the Preservation of *Trevigi* had shewed them what a wrong Step they had taken by Despair, in precipitately abandoning their Empire on the *Terra firma*. And now, by the ill Conduct of *Maximilian*, they grew every Day less apprehensive of his Power: They were not a little stimulated also by the Insolence of the *Padouans*, who would not suffer the Profits of the Lands which many private *Venetians* possessed in the Territory of *Padoua* to be carried to *Venice*\*; so

\* The *Padouans* did not only refuse to let the *Venetians* keep Possession of their Lands, and to enjoy their Houses in *Padoua*, but bestowed them on the *Germans*. *Bembo*.

so that private Provocations conspired with the Good of the Public. The *Venetians* were further encouraged by knowing that *Padoua* was but ill provided with Troops for its Defence, and that, by the insolent Behaviour of the Nobles of *Padoua* towards the Commonalty, many were put in mind of the Moderation of the *Venetian* Government, and began to wish for the former Administration. On all these Considerations, it was resolved to make an Attempt to recover that City, for which they had the fairer Opportunity, as the greater Part of the Peasants in the Territory of *Padoua* were at their Devotion.

IT was concerted therefore that *Andrea Gritti*, one of the Proveditors, should leave the Army, which consisted of Four Hundred Men at Arms, above Two Thousand Stradiotti and light Horse, and Three Thousand Foot, and advance to *Novale* in the *Padouan*. On the Road he was to be joined by Part of the Foot, which, in Conjunction with a great Number of Peasants, had been ordered to *Villa di Mirano*, and then to direct his

*A. D.* 1509. *March towards Padoua, in order to make an Attack on the Gate of Codalunga, while, to strike the greater Terror and Confusion into the Defendants, Two Thousand Peasants, Three Hundred Foot, and some Horse, should attack the Portello on the opposite Part of the City; and the better to conceal the Design, Christofano Moro, the other Proveditor, was to make a Feint of marching to besiege the Town of Cittadella. The Project was well concerted, and proved as successful as it was well conducted. For the Troops arriving early in the Morning, found the Gate of Codalunga half open, through which a little before some Waggons loaded with Hay had entered the Town. The first of the Venetians took possession of the Gate without any Difficulty, and waited, without making any Noise, for the Arrival of the rest of the Troops, which were nigh at hand. When they came up they all entered, and presented themselves in the Square of Padoua, a City of vast Compass, but thinly inhabited, before the News of their Coming was spread. First marched the Chevalier*

*Venetians*  
surprise  
*Padoua.*



valier *della Volpe* with the light Horse, *A. D.*  
 then *Zitolo da Perugia*, and *Lattantio da Bergamo* with Part of the Foot. <sup>1509.</sup> But the  
 Citadel taking the Alarm, *Dressina*, con-  
 stituted by *Maximilian* Governor of *Pa-*  
*doua*, with Three Hundred German Foot,  
 which were the whole Garrison, sallied  
 out into the Square, as did *Brunoro da*  
*Serego* with Fifty Horse, in expectation  
 that those Citizens who were well affected  
 to the German Government would take  
 up Arms in their Favour, and assist them  
 in repulsing the Enemy. But their Hopes  
 had not the least Foundation; for the  
 City was so surprized and alarmed at the  
 sudden Entrance of such a Number of  
 the Enemy, that not a single Inhabitant  
 stirred. Abandoned therefore and un-  
 supported, the Germans were soon forced  
 to retire, with considerable Loss, into the  
 Castle and Citadel, which being but ill  
 fortified, they were in a few Hours obli-  
 ged to surrender at Discretion. Thus was  
*Padoua* entirely reduced under Subjection  
 to the *Venetians*, who applied themselves  
 to appease the Tumult, and to save the  
 City, the greater Part of whose Inhabitants,  
 thro'

A. D. thro' the Insolence and ill Conduct of the  
 1509. others, was become well affected to them;  
 so that by this Care no Damage was done  
 but to some Houses of the *Jews*, and of  
 some *Padouans*, who had declared them-  
 selves Enemies to the *Venetian* Name.  
 This Day, being the Festival of *Santa*  
*Marina*, is still solemnly celebrated at *Ve-*  
*nice*, by Orders of the State, as an auspi-  
 cious Day, on which they began to reco-  
 ver their almost lost Empire.

THE Fame of this Conquest set the  
 whole Country round about in a Commo-  
 tion; *Vicenza* would have been in the  
 same Danger, had not *Constantino* of  
*Macedonia*, who happened to be near,  
 thrown himself with some few Troops  
 into that City. After the Recovery of  
*Padoua*, the *Venetians* easily reduced its  
 whole Territory, as they had the Affec-  
 tions of the meaner sort of People in the  
 Towns, and also of the Peasants. In  
 the same Career of good Fortune they  
 recovered the Town and Castles of *Lig-*  
*nago*, a Place very commodious for in-  
 festing the whole Country about *Verona*,  
*Padoua*,

*Padoua*, and *Vicenza*. They made an Attempt also on the Tower of *Marchesana*, A. D. 1509.  
 Eight Miles distant from *Padoua*, which lies very convenient for entering the *Polesine di Rovigo*, or infesting the Country of *Mantoua*, but miscarried, because the Cardinal *d'Este*, with a Body of Forces, hastened to its Relief.

THE Adventure of *Padoua* did not retard, as many thought it would have done, the Return of the King of *France* beyond the Mountains. That Prince, just before his Departure, at the Town of *Biagrassa*, entered into a new Convention with the Cardinal of *Pavia*, the Pope's Legate, by which his Holiness and the King mutually obliged themselves to protect each other, and agreed that either of them might enter into a Convention with any other Prince, provided it was not to the Prejudice of their present Confederacy. The King promised that he would not for the future take under his Protection, nor extend it in any manner to, any Subject, Feudatory, or Dependent, mediately or immediately, on  
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the Church, expressly disannulling all Protections which had been hitherto granted to this very Day. A Promise little becoming the Honour of so great a King; since not long before the Duke of *Ferrara* coming to wait on his Majesty, though at first the King shewed himself displeased, because he had, without his Knowledge, accepted the Office of Gonfaloniere of the Church, yet he was afterwards reconciled, and received him into his Protection on the Payment of Thirty Thousand Ducats. It was agreed also that the Pope should have the Disposal of the Bishoprics, that were at present vacant, in all the King's Dominions; but that such as should become vacant within a certain Time, should be conferred according to the King's Nomination. And to give his Majesty the more Satisfaction, the Pope sent, by the same Cardinal of *Pavia*, the Bull of Cardinalship to the Bishop of *Albi*, promising to invest him with that Dignity as soon as he came to *Rome*.

THIS Agreement being settled, the King hastened his Departure out of *Italy*,  
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and returned triumphant into *France*, having acquired vast Honour and Glory by a Victory so compleat, and obtained with so much Speed over the *Venetians*. But as Men, who find themselves at length in Possession of what they had long desired, seldom or never reap that Pleasure and Felicity from it which at first they had expected, so neither did *Lewis* carry back with him greater Tranquillity of Mind, nor more Security to his Affairs; but, on the contrary, saw rather Matter prepared for greater Dangers and Changes, and himself under greater Perplexity in forming such Resolutions, as the Events which had lately happened seemed to require. For if *Cæsar* went on in a Course of Prosperity, he would have more Reason to be afraid of him, than he had before to be apprehensive of the *Venetians*. And if the *Venetian* Power and Grandeur should begin to revive and flourish, he would be perpetually subject to Jealousies, and extraordinary Expences, for maintaining the Places he had taken from them. Nor was this all; for he must take care to assist *Maximilian* with Troops  
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and Money, since, if he should abandon him, it was much to be suspected that he would join with the *Venetians* against him, and, it was to be feared, in Conjunction with the Catholic King, and perhaps also with the Pope. A moderate and sparing Assistance was by no means sufficient to preserve the Friendship of the King of the *Romans*, it must be such as to enable him to get the better of the *Venetians*: And to assist him with a mighty Force, besides the vast Expence it would require, would be to throw himself into the same Danger from the Greatness of *Maximilian*. On account of these Difficulties, he was at first dubious whether he ought to be pleased or grieved at the Revolution in *Padoua*. But when he compared the Security which he might expect from depriving the *Venetians* of their Dominions on the *Terra firma*, with the Troubles and Dangers that he had Reason to apprehend from the Greatness of the King of the *Romans*, and with his Hopes of obtaining of him, by means of his Necessities, for a Sum of Money, the City of *Verona*, which he ardently desired,

fired, as a Place very convenient for checking the Progress of any Movements that might be made in *Germany*, he concluded at last, that it would be more for his Security and Profit to let things remain in such a State, as to suffer *Maximilian* and the *Venetians* to exhaust and weaken one another by long Wars and continual Expences, as would very probably be the Case. And he was much the more confirmed in those Sentiments, on account of his Agreement with the Pope; for he was in hopes to find in him a sure Friend, and stedfast Ally. He had left however, on the Borders of the *Veronese*, Seven Hundred Lances under *La Palisse*, to be at *Cæsar's* Disposal, either for the Preservation of the new Acquisitions, or making further Conquests from the *Venetians*. These Lances *Cæsar* ordered to *Vicenza*, and by that means the City of *Verona*, which, having but a small Garrison, was thought in Danger, was secured, and the *Venetian* Army, which lay before *Cittadella*, retired.

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BEFORE the King's Departure there happened another Accident in favour of the *Venetians*. For their Horse, which were in *Lignago*, making continually Excursions over the Country, and even to the Gates of *Verona*, committed vast Ravages, which the Garrison of *Verona*, consisting of no more than Two Hundred Horse and Seven Hundred Foot, were in no Condition to prevent. The Bishop of *Trent*, who was Governor of *Verona* for *Cæsar*, resolving to form a Camp there, sent for the Marquis of *Mantoua*, who, with the Troop of Horse which he had of the King, lay at *Ifola della Scala*, a large Village in the *Veronese*, without a Wall, or any Fortifications, attentive to the Preparations which were making \*. Here, while he thought himself in absolute Security, he became a remarkable Example to all Generals, how much it concerns them to be vigilant and orderly in all Situations, and at all Seasons, and not

\* The Marquis had been in *Verona*, and secured that City for *Cæsar*, but seeing his Slowness, retired thence with Fifty French Lances to *Ifola della Scala*. *Equicola*.

not to place too much Confidence in their own Forces, or promise themselves absolute Safety from the Distance or Weakness of the Enemy. For the Marquis having agreed with some Stradiotti of the *Venetian* Army, that they should come to him in that Place, and enlist under him, these Soldiers, from the Time they were first tampered with, gave Notice of it to their Officers. On this Occasion Orders were given for attempting to surprize him; for which Purpose *Lucio Malvezzo* with Two Hundred light Horse, and *Zitolo da Perugia* with Eight Hundred Foot secretly brought from *Padoua* to *Lignago*, being joined by the Garrison of this last mentioned Place, and by Fifteen Hundred Peasants, put themselves on the March; then sending before them some Horse, who were often to cry out, *Turco*, the Surname of the Marquis, to make it believed they were the Stradiotti he expected, they arrived on the Morning appointed by Break of Day at *Ifola della Scala*, and unsuspected entered the Place without Resistance, where finding all the Soldiers off the Guard, and the Servants and other

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Attendants of the Marquis asleep, they made them Prisoners, among whom they took *Boysi*, Lieutenant of the Marquis, and Nephew to the Cardinal of *Rouen*. The Marquis himself, taking the Alarm, escaped through a Window half naked, and hid himself in a Field of Corn, where he was discovered to the Enemy by a Peasant of the Place, who preferring the Welfare of the *Venetians* to his own Profit, according to the general and ardent Inclination of the People of that Country, while he pretended to hearken to the vast Offers of the Marquis, and made a Show as if he intended to save him, acted the quite contrary Part. The Marquis was conducted to *Padoua*, and from thence to *Venice*, where, to the inexpressible Joy of the whole City, he was confined in the Turret of the public Palace\*.

Marquis  
of *Mantoua* taken  
Prisoner.

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\* *Leandro Alberti* ascribes all the Merit of this Exploit to *Girolamo Pompei*, who, he says, wrote to the *Venetian* Proveditors, that if they would send him Two Hundred Horse, he would, with the Assistance of the Mountaineers of *Carbone*, form a good Plot against the Marquis, on which they sent him *Malvezzo*, &c. In Evidence of this Assertion he quotes some Letters which he had seen, and the Privileges granted by the *Venetian* Council of Ten to the *Pompean* Family in *Verona*.



CÆSAR had hitherto given no Obstruction in any Quarter to the Progress of the *Venetians*, not being provided with a sufficient Force to take the Field, and losing his Time in the Mountains of *Vicenza*; where the Peasantry of those Parts, being well affected to the *Venetian* Name, and confiding in the Ruggedness of the Country, had broke out into open Rebellion. Descending afterwards into the Plain, when *Padoua* had been retaken by the *Venetians*, he was attacked, and not without Danger, by an infinite Number of Peasants, who attended his Coming at a strong Pass; but he put them to Flight, and proceeded to *Scala* in the *Vicentine*. The *Venetian* Army had recovered a great Part of the Territory of *Vicenza*, and taken *Serravalle*, an important Pass, where they exercised great Cruelties upon the *Germans*. Wherefore *Maximilian*, having a few Days after recovered that Place, retaliated the same Cruelties upon the *Italian* Soldiers, and upon the Inhabitants \*. And his Forces

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\* *Mocenigo* says, that the *Germans* made use of Dogs

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not increasing, he employed himself in small Enterprises, now in taking one Castle, then in besieging another, very little to the Honour and Reputation of the *Cæsarean* Name, while, at the same time, he proposed to the rest of the Confederates, as his Imaginations were always greater than his Forces and Opportunities, to join their whole Strength together, and to seize upon the City of *Venice*, employing for that Purpose, besides the Preparations by Land, the Navies of the King of *France*, and of the King of *Aragon*, and the Pope's Gallies, which were now all joined together in one Fleet. To this Proposal, tho' not treated of in the Confederacy at *Cambray*, the King of *France* would have consented, provided it were qualified with such Conditions as that the Acquisition might redound to the common Advantage. But the Pope was averse to it; and as for the King of *Aragon*, both now and when formerly this Point

*Maximilian* proposes the Conquest of *Venice*.

as the Instruments of their Cruelty, to run upon the Scent in Search of the Women and Children, who sought to hide themselves among the Corn and in Caves, and with unusual Barbarity hunted after Christians as they would after wild Beasts.

Point was more amply debated, he was against it, because he imagined it would be for the Benefit of the King of *France*, though he coloured his Dislike under Pretence of its being a most unjust and dishonourable Undertaking.

WHILE the Countries about *Padoua*, *Vicenza*, and *Verona* were thus ravaged by the *Germans* and *Italians*, the Province of *Friuli*, and that Part of *Istria* which was subject to the *Venetians*, was exposed to most cruel Devastations. For the Prince of *Anhalt*, being ordered by *Cæsar* to make an Invasion into *Friuli* with Ten Thousand Men of the Militia, after he had in vain attacked *Monte Falcone*, besieged and took the Town and Castle of *Cadoro*, with great Slaughter of the Defendants. On the other Side, some light Horse, and some of the *Venetian* Foot, supported by a great Body of Peasants, took by Storm the Town of *Valdisera*; and *Bellona*, where the *Germans* had no Garrison, surrendered to them upon Articles. Again the Duke of *Brunswick*, by Orders from *Cæsar*, after he had mis-

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the War in  
*Istria* and  
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A. D. 1509. carried in his Design upon *Udine*, the Capital of *Friuli*, went and laid Siege to *Cividale d' Austria*, situated on a rising Ground by the River *Natisone*, where *Federigo Contarino* commanded with a small Garrison, but he depended on the Courage of the Inhabitants, who were very resolute to defend themselves. *Gio. Pagolo Gradenigo*, Proveditor of *Friuli*, coming with Eight Hundred Horse and Five Hundred Foot to raise the Siege, was routed, and put to Flight by the *Germans*. But his Rout did not lessen the Courage of the Besieged, and though the Duke battered *Cividale*, and stormed it with great Fury, he could by no Means make himself Master of the Place. In *Istria*, *Christofano Frangipane*, near to the Castle of *Verme*, defeated the *Venetian* Commissaries, supported by the Country People, and in consequence of his Victory, burnt and plundered whatever came in his Way all over the Country, and made himself Master of *Castel Nuovo*, and of the Town of *Rasprucchio*. To put a Stop to these Proceedings, the *Venetians* ordered thither *Angelo Trevisano*, Captain of their Navy,

Navy, with Sixteen Galleys, who took <sup>A. D. 1509.</sup> by Storm, at the first Attack, the Town of *Fiume*, and attempted to get Possession of the City of *Trieste*, but without Success. He afterwards recovered *Rasprucchio* by Force, and then returned with his Galleys towards *Venice*, leaving the Countries of *Istria* and *Friuli* in a deplorable Condition, for sometimes the *Venetians* being stronger, at other times the *Germans*, those Towns which were taken and plundered by one of them, were afterwards retaken and plundered by the others, and the same Alternative happened frequently, so that the Lives and Estates of the Inhabitants being exposed as a continual Prey, the whole Country was miserably exhausted and ruined.

WHILE the temporal Arms were thus employed, there were Disputes in *Rome* about the Use of the spiritual Weapons. Just before the Recovery of *Padoua*, the Six Ambassadors of the *Venetian* Senate made their Entry into *Rome* with a mournful Air and Equipage; and whereas they were accustomed to enter that City with

Sad Entry  
of the *Venetian*  
Ambassadors  
into *Rome*.



*A. D.* the greatest Pomp and Magnificence, and  
 1509. to be met by a Train of the whole Court,  
 they now not only had no Honours nor Attendance paid them, but made their Entry, because the Pope would have it so, by Night. Nor were they admitted into the Presence of his Holiness, but directed to the Palace of the Cardinal of *Naples*, who, with other Cardinals and Prelates, was commissioned to treat with them; the Ambassadors of the King of the *Romans*, and of their most Christian and Catholic Majesties, vehemently opposing their obtaining Absolution from the Ecclesiastic Censures; whilst the Archbishop of *York* openly declared in their Favour; he was sent to *Rome* by *Henry VIII*, who but a few Months before had succeeded his Father *Henry VII*, in the Kingdom of *England*, chiefly for this Purpose.

BUT the Attention of the Public was at this Time employed in Expectation of much greater Events: For *Cæsar*, having assembled all his own Forces, together with those he was supplied with from  
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many Potentates, was preparing to march <sup>A. D.</sup> with a very powerful Army to besiege <sup>1509.</sup> *Padoua*. On the other Side the *Venetian* Senate, judging that their Safety wholly consisted in the Preservation of that City, attended, with the utmost Diligence, to make the necessary Provisions for its Defence. For this End, besides the Garrison of *Trevigi*, they ordered their whole Army to enter the Town, together with all the Forces which they had been able to collect from every Quarter, and furnished the Place with an infinite Quantity of Artillery of all Sorts, and Provisions, collected from all Parts of the Country, sufficient for many Months. They had also an innumerable Multitude of Peasants and Pioneers, by whose Labour, besides the making of Dams and Sluices, and strengthening them with great Quantities of Wood and Iron Bars, for preventing the Enemy from cutting off the Waters which were brought from near the Town of *Limine* to *Padoua*, they had also made, and were continually adding, surprising Fortifications to the Walls of the City. And yet, tho' they had made such Provisions,

*A. D.* 1509. *visions, that no greater could be desired, the Anxiety and Sollicitude of the Venetian Senate were not to be conceived, the Senators continually employing themselves both Day and Night in studying, recollecting, or proposing some new Means or other, which they thought proper to be used in the present Circumstance. And the Affair being of such Importance as to be the constant Subject of Debate in the Senate, Leonardo Loredano, their Doge, a Person venerable for his Age and the Dignity of his Office, and who had been in that high Station many Years, stood up, and spoke as follows :*

Speech of  
the Doge  
of Venice.

“ Since it evidently appears, most excellent Senators, that on the Preservation of the City of *Padoua*, depends not only all Hope of ever recovering our Empire, but even of preserving our own Liberty ; and, on the contrary, that the Loss of *Padoua* would most certainly be followed by the utter Ruin and Desolation of this Country, we must be obliged to confess, that the Provisions and Preparations that have been hitherto made against such an Event,

Event, though very considerable and surprising, are yet not sufficient, whether it be in regard of what is requisite for the Security of that City, or what belongs to the Dignity of our Republic. For in an Affair of so great Importance, and of so great Danger, it is not enough that the Provisions we have made, be so ample as to afford us mighty Hopes that *Padoua* may be defended by them; But it is requisite that they should be so powerful, as far as human Care and Industry can provide, to beget in us a Certainty that we shall secure the Place, and have nothing to dread from all such unforeseen Accidents as owe their Birth to Fortune, a very powerful Agent in all sublunary Affairs, but especially in those relating to War. Nor is it a Resolution worthy of the ancient Fame and Glory of the *Venetian* Name, entirely to commit the Defence of the public Honour and Safety, and of our own Lives, with those of our Wives and Children, to the sole Valour and Resolution of Foreigners and mercenary Soldiers, and not rather run voluntarily ourselves into the Field of Action, at the  
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*A. D.* Head of our own People, and fight with  
*1509.* Heart and Hand in Defence of a Place of  
the last Importance. For if we come to  
be once dispossessed of *Padoua*, it will be  
to no Purpose to exert our poor Remains  
of Strength, there will be then no Room  
left to display our Valour, and our Riches  
will be of no Use towards our Preserva-  
tion. But since happily it is not yet too  
late to assist our dear Country, we ought  
to take the greatest Pains, and exert our  
utmost Force for that Purpose, and not  
wait till we become a Prey to those cruel  
Wretches, who long for nothing more  
than to plunder our Substance, and suck  
our Blood. The Preservation of our  
Country is not only attended with the  
public Good, but the Good and Welfare  
of every private Person are connected with  
the Safety of the Community. For if the  
Commonwealth be ruined and enslaved,  
who knows not that the Substance, the  
Honour, and the Lives of private Men  
must fall a Sacrifice to the Avarice, the  
Lust, and the Cruelty of the Enemy?  
But since the Defence of the Republic  
carries with it the Preservation of our  
Country,



Country, is not this a sufficient Reward? *A. D.*  
 A Reward worthy of its generous Citi- <sup>1509.</sup>  
 zens, full of Glory and Splendor in the  
 Eye of the World, and meritorious and  
 acceptable in the Sight of God? It is the  
 Opinion even of the Heathens, that “there  
 is a particular Place appointed in Heaven,  
 in which all those who have relieved,  
 preserved, or increased their Country,  
 shall enjoy eternal Felicity\*.” And what  
 Country was there ever in Being that  
 more deserved to be assisted and maintain-  
 ed by its Children than this of ours;  
 which obtains, and has for many Ages ob-  
 tained, the chief Place among all the Ci-  
 ties of the World? and from which its  
 Citizens reap vast and innumerable Con-  
 veniences, Profits, and Honours? A City  
 truly admirable, if we consider either its  
 natural Advantages, or the Marks of its  
 Grandeur from an almost perpetual Course  
 of Prosperity, or the noble Qualities, and  
 generous Disposition of its Inhabitants.  
 Its Situation is most astonishing, it being  
 the only City in the World that is seated  
 amidst the salt Waters, and so compact in  
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\* This Passage is taken from *Cicero's Somnium Scipionis.*

*A. D.* all its Parts, that it enjoys at once the  
<sup>1509.</sup> Benefits of the Water, and the Pleasures  
of the Land; secure, by its not being  
seated on the Continent, from Attacks  
by Land, and safe, by its Situation in  
shallow Waters, from naval Assaults.  
How stately are the Edifices, private as  
well as public; erected with incredible  
Cost and Magnificence, and full of the  
most ornamental Pieces of foreign Mar-  
ble, and rare Stones, imported from all  
Parts of the World! What an infinite  
Quantity of excellent Pictures, Statues,  
carved Pieces, and Ornaments of Mosaic  
Work! And what a Number of the  
most beautiful Columns, and other like  
Pieces of the most curious Workmanship!  
What City is there on the Face of the  
Earth that has a greater Concourse of  
Foreigners, who come hither partly for  
the Benefit of living securely in this free  
and blessed Country, and partly for the  
Sake of Commerce. Hence is *Venice*  
plentifully supplied with all Sorts of Mer-  
chandises and Manufactures, whence the  
Riches of our Citizens are continually in-  
creasing, and our Republic receives a  
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greater Revenue within the Compass of this City only, than many Kings from their whole Kingdoms. I say nothing of the Numbers of learned Men in all Arts and Sciences, the Brightness of the Scholar, and the Bravery of the Soldier, by means of which, in Conjunction with other Advantages, this Republic has acquired more Glory to itself and to its Subjects, from its Exploits, than ever any Nation obtained since the Time of the *Romans*. I omit to observe how surprising it is to see in a City where nothing grows, and which is very full of Inhabitants, a Superfluity of all Things. Our Command was at first confined to these barren and naked Rocks; but the brave Spirit of our Ancestors extended their Sway first over the nearest Seas, and the circumjacent Lands, from whence afterwards, by happy Successes, they enlarged their Dominion to more distant Seas and Provinces, and penetrated to the utmost Bounds of the East \*, acquiring so great an Empire by Sea and Land, and maintaining it so long

\* He means no more than the Eastermost Coasts of the *Levant*, or *Mediterranean Sea*, for the *Venetians* never sailed on the Ocean.

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long a Time, still increasing their Power, and enlarging their Bounds to such a Degree, that during a long Course of Years *Venice* was the Dread and Terror of all the other Cities of *Italy*, and no other Means was thought sufficient to humble and depress her, than a Concurrence of the Frauds and Forces of all the Princes in Christendom. All our Prosperity may be justly attributed to the particular Care of the Almighty; for this City is celebrated throughout the World for an impartial Administration of Justice, the Name of which alone has induced many States and Nations voluntarily to submit to our Dominion. And what City, what Establishment, is more distinguished for Religion, and Piety towards the supreme Being, than our dear Country, in which are so many religious Houses, and so great a Number of Churches, full of the richest and most costly Ornaments, and such a profuse and astonishing Sight of Vessels and Utensils dedicated to the divine Worship? Where are there so many Hospitals, and charitable Foundations, in which Works of Charity are daily exercised

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at a vast Expence, and with unspeakable Benefit to the Poor? In all these Respects our Country deserves the Preference before all others. But there is one Privilege in which she transcends all the Praises and Glory that she can ascribe to herself. Our Country had its Original and its Liberty at the same Time, and there is not a Citizen that is born or dies in *Venice*, but is born and dies free. Nor was this Liberty ever interrupted or disturbed through the happy Effects of civil Concord, the Principles of which are so firmly rooted in the Minds of our People, that as soon as they enter into our Senate, and into our public Debates, they lay aside all private Contentions and Animosities. For the same Reason has our Form of Government, which is a Mixture of all that is most commendable in every Kind of public Administration, and composed with such Harmony as to be in every Part proportionable, and perfectly answerable to itself, lasted for so many Ages without civil Seditions, Wars, or Bloodshed between its Citizens, and remained inviolable and unblemished.

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*A. D.* 1509. A Praise, which solely belongs to our Republic, and is more than *Rome* or *Carthage*, *Athens* or *Lacedemon*, or any of those Republics that are the most celebrated and extolled by the Antients, could ever boast. And we have the Happiness to see established, among ourselves, such a Form of Government as the greatest Professors of Politics could never imagine or describe. Shall it then be said, that so great and so glorious a Country, which has stood so many Years the Bulwark of the Faith, and Splendor of the Christian Commonwealth, has been destitute of the Assistance of her Sons, and of her Citizens? Who is there among us that dares refuse to hazard his own Life, and the Lives of his Children, for her Preservation? which intirely depending on the Defence of *Padoua*, who can excuse himself from voluntarily going thither in Person to defend it? For though we were most certainly assured that we have a sufficient Strength in the Place, does it not concern our own Honour? does it not concern the Glory of the *Venetian* Name, that all the World should know

know, that we ourselves run with the greatest Readiness and Alacrity to its Defence and Preservation? It has been the Fate of *Venice*, that in a few Days we should be deprived of so great a Part of our Empire: But we ought not to complain so much of the Malignity of Fortune, for such Events are common to all Republics and Kingdoms, as lament that we have been forgetful of our Constancy, which had hitherto remained unshaken; and losing the Memory of so many generous and glorious Examples of our Ancestors, we yielded, with too sudden a Despair, to one powerful Stroke of Fortune; and have not been Patterns to our Sons of that noble Fortitude and Resolution, of which our Fathers had set us an Example. A Turn however is now given to Affairs, and an Opportunity offered, if we shew ourselves Men, of recovering an Ornament, which is not lost, but only mislaid. For by throwing ourselves boldly into Danger, and manfully resisting the Shocks of ill Fortune, we shall cancel the Disgrace we have undergone; and when the World shall see that we have not yet lost

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*A. D.* our antient Spirit and Valour, they will  
*1509.* rather ascribe our late calamitous Event  
to a necessary Fatality of the Times,  
which neither human Counsels nor Con-  
stancy were able to resist, than to our  
own Fault and Shame. If it were there-  
fore practicable for us in a Body to re-  
pair to *Padoua*, and to leave this City for  
some Days, without Prejudice to its De-  
fence, and other pressing Necessities of  
the public Business, I should be the first  
that, without expecting your Resolution,  
should set out, since I know not how I  
can better spend these last Days of my  
old Age, than either in participating, with  
my Sight and Presence, of so glorious a  
Victory; or else, which God forbid, fall  
with my Fellow Citizens, and not survive  
the Ruin of my Country. But since  
*Venice* cannot be left without a public  
Magistracy, by whose Counsels, Provi-  
sions, and Orderings, *Padoua* is as much  
defended as by those who are in it, and  
the useless Multitude of the superannuated  
would rather be a Charge than a Safe-  
guard to that City; and on the other hand,  
such Accidents may happen, as to make  
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it inconvenient to deprive *Venice* of all her Youth ; for these Reasons, my Thoughts and Advice are, that there be chosen Two Hundred of the principal of all our young Noblemen, each of them to be attended with a Number of Friends and Dependants in Arms, in proportion to his Abilities, and all to repair to *Padoua*, and there to act as much as shall be thought necessary in their Station, for the Defence of the Town. My own two Sons, with a good Company of Attendants, shall be the first to execute what I, their Father and your Prince, have first proposed. I freely offer their Persons, in so great a Danger, to their Country. By this Means the City of *Padoua* will be rendered more secure, the mercenary Soldiers which are there in Garrison, when they see our Youth ready to mount the Guard, and to perform all the military Services, will be inspired with unspeakable Courage and Alacrity, as being assured, by finding themselves in Conjunction with our Children, that we shall never let them want Provisions nor Reinforcements. And the noble Youth, and others who

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are not to go upon this Service, will be stimulated by so bright an Example, and animated to expose themselves in like manner, whenever it shall be required, to all manner of Fatigues and Dangers. Now then, O Senators, whose Words and Actions are observed as an Example to the whole City, let me conjure every one of you, according to his Circumstances, to vye with one another in enrolling your Sons in this honourable List, that they may participate of so great a Glory. For by this Means, not only the Defence of *Padoua* will be rendered secure and certain, but all Nations will speak in our Praise, and distinguish us as the very Persons who, with the Hazard of our Lives, defended the Liberties, and fought for the Preservation, of the noblest and most deserving Country in the World \*."

THIS Speech of the Doge was heard with the utmost Attention and Approbation,

\* The Doge sent his two Sons, *Luigi* and *Bernardo*, with One Hundred Foot to *Padoua*; and the Number of the *Venctian* young Noblemen that went thither was Three Hundred (*Bembo* says One Hundred Seventy-six) who carried with them Ten Thousand Men. *Mocenigo*.



tion, and his Advice was put in Execution with all possible Speed. The Flower of the young *Venetian* Nobility, attended by as many of their Friends and Acquaintance as were fit to bear Arms, set out for *Padoua*, being accompanied to the Place of their Embarkation by all the rest of the Nobles, and an innumerable Multitude of others, who animated them with the highest Praises, bestowing on them Blessings, and magnifying to the Skies their Zeal and Forwardness in Defence of their Country. Nor were they received with less Joyfulness and Applause in *Padoua*; both Officers and Soldiers extolling to the Heavens the Praises of those noble Youths, who, having never experienced the Fatigues nor Dangers of War, had preferred the Love of their Country to their own Lives. Thus mutually heartening and encouraging one another, with great Spirits, they joyfully expected the Coming of *Cæsar*.

THAT Prince, who hitherto had been employed in collecting together the Troops, which came from several Quar-

A. D. 1509. } ters, was arrived at the Bridge of the *Brenta*, Three Miles from *Padoua*, and having made himself Master of *Limini*, and turned the Course of the Waters, expected his Artillery, which was coming from *Germany*, and was very formidable both for Number and Size. Part of it was arrived at *Vicenza*, where *Filippo Rosso*, and *Federigo Gonzaga da Bozzolo* were sent to escort it with Two Hundred light Horse, but were attacked by Five Hundred light Horse that sallied out of *Padoua*, under the Guidance of the Peasants, who in all that War were of excellent Service to the *Venetians*, and routed, about Five Miles from *Vicenza*. *Filippo Rosso* was taken Prisoner, but *Federigo* dismounting, by favour of the Night escaped in his Shirt. *Maximilian* extended his Quarters from the Bridge of the *Brenta*, Twelve Miles towards the Pole-sine of *Rovigo*, the better to open a Way for his Convoys of Provisions; and having taken by Storm and plundered the Castle of *Este*, he laid Siege to *Monfelize*; the Defendants abandoned the Town, and retired into the Castle, which, tho' seated  
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on the Top of a high Rock, was taken A. D.  
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in two Days. After this he had *Montagnana* surrendered to him upon Articles, and then returned towards *Padoua*, taking up his Quarters at the Bridge of *Bassianello* in the Neighbourhood of *Padoua*, where he attempted to turn the Course of the *Brenta*, which runs from thence to *Padoua*. In this Place having received all the Artillery and Ammunition which he expected, and having assembled all his Forces, which had been distributed into different Quarters, he approached the Town with all his Army, and having put Four Thousand Foot into the Suburb of *Santa Croce*, he had a Design to make the Attack on that Side. But being informed that the Town in that Place was stronger by Situation and by the Thickness of its Walls, as well as by additional Fortifications, having also received much Damage in his Quarters from the Artillery, he resolved to remove with all his Army before the Gate of *Portello*, which looks towards *Venice*, where the Town, as he had been informed, was weaker, and from whence he could better intercept all

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Succours coming to *Padoua*, either by Land or by Sea from *Venice*. But his Passage being obstructed by Marshes, and Waters that had overflowed the Country, he was obliged to fetch a great Compass, and came to the Bridge of *Bovolenta*, seven Miles from *Padoua*, where lies a Tract of Meadows along the River *Bacchi-glione*. Into this Place, because it was surrounded with Waters, and in the securest Part of the *Padouan*, Three Thousand Peasants had retired with a vast Number of Cattle. These People were soon routed by the Vanguard of the *Spanish* and *Italian* Infantry, and almost all of them killed or taken. And the Troops for two Days after employed themselves in nothing but ravaging all the Country as far as the Sea, which was stocked with infinite Herds of Cattle; they also took several Boats on the *Brenta*, laden with Provisions for *Padoua*. At length, on the 15th Day of *September*, after wasting a deal of Time, and giving Leisure to the Enemy to fortify themselves, and lay in Stores of Provisions, *Maximilian* opened the Siege before

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*Padoua*.

before *Padoua*, and erected his Batteries A. D. 1509. against the Gate of *Portello*. Not in this Age, nor perhaps in many Ages, had *Italy* ever seen a Siege that drew the Attention, or raised the Expectations of the Public to so high a Degree, both on account of the Nobleness of that City, and the Importance of the Events that depended on its Loss or Preservation.

*PADOUA* is well known to be a very Description of the City. antient and noble City, famous for its University. It is surrounded with a triple Wall, and the Rivers *Brenta* and *Bacchiglione* pass through it. It is of as great a Compass as perhaps any of the biggest Cities in *Italy*, is situated in a very plentiful Country, and in a wholesome and temperate Air. Tho' it has been above a Hundred Years depressed under the *Venetian* Government, who wrested it out of the Hands of the Family of *Carrara*, it has still grand and superb Edifices, and retains many remarkable Signs of Antiquity, by which you may judge of its former Greatness and Splendor.



1509. ON the Conquest or Defence of so great a City, depended not only the Establishment or Decay of the *German* Empire in *Italy*, but also the Fate of the City of *Venice* itself. For if *Padoua* could be preserved, that Republic, vastly abounding in Riches,—and, by a firm Union of its Parts, always in a Readiness to exert its whole Strength, nor subject, like the States of Princes, to Variations, might reasonably hope, in no long Space of Time, to recover a good Part of its Dominions; and on so much the better Grounds, as that the greater Part of their Subjects, who had been desirous of a Change, not having found the Effects answerable to their Imaginations, and satisfied now by Experience of the Difference between the mild Government of the *Venetians* and that of the *Germans*, which was by no means suited to the Manners and Customs of the *Italians*, and now more disorderly on account of the Confusions and Damages occasioned by the War, began to turn their Eyes to their antient Lords, and wish to return under their  
their

their former Subjection. But, on the <sup>A. D.</sup> contrary, if *Padua* should be lost, the <sup>1509.</sup> *Venetians* would with it lose all Hopes of restoring their Republic to its antient Splendor; and it was very much to be feared that even the City of *Venice* itself, being deprived of so great an Empire, and very much impoverished by the Diminution of the public Revenues, and the Loss of so many Estates possessed by private Men on the *Terra firma*, would be disabled from defending itself against the Arms of the confederate Princes, or at least would, in process of Time, become a Prey no less to the *Turks* (on whom they bordered by a large Extent of Land, and with whom they were always engaged in War, or in an unsafe and precarious Peace) than to the Christian Princes.

BUT the Opinion of the Public concerning the Success of this Enterprize was no less doubtful, for the vast Apparatus of War that presented itself on each Side, held the Judgment of the Spectators in great Suspense, who were utterly at a  
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Number  
and  
Strength  
of *Maxi-  
milian's*  
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Loss in their Conjectures concerning the Success of the Attack or Defence. For *Cæsar* had in his Army, besides Seven Hundred Lances from the King of *France*, under the Command of *la Palisse*, Two Hundred Men at Arms sent to his Assistance by the Pope, Two Hundred more sent him by the Duke of *Ferrara*, which were under the Cardinal of *Este*, though the Differences were not yet compounded between the two Brothers. He had also under different Officers, Six Hundred *Italian* Men at Arms in his own Pay. Nor was his Infantry less considerable than his Cavalry; for he had Eighteen Thousand *Germans*, Six Thousand *Spaniards*, Six Thousand Volunteers of different Nations, and the Regiment of *Este*, consisting of Two Thousand *Italians*, conducted and paid by the Cardinal of that Name\*. This Army was attended with an astonishing Train of Artillery, and a prodigious Quantity of Ammunition, Part of which was furnished by the King of *France*.

And

\* *Bembo* tells us, that the Army which *Cæsar* had before *Padoua* was supposed to consist of above Eighty Thousand; and *Mocenigo* makes them to amount to One Hundred Thousand.

And tho' *Maximilian's* own Soldiers, for <sup>A. D.</sup>  
 the greatest Part of the Time, had recei- <sup>1509.</sup>  
 ved no Pay, yet the Grandeur and Autho-  
 rity of so great a General, with the Hopes  
 of the Plunder and Saccage of *Padoua*,  
 and afterwards making Havock of all that  
 the *Venetians* had still in Possession, were  
 Encouragements for persevering in his Ser-  
 vice. And indeed his Army rather in-  
 creased every Day, and Men were conti-  
 nually lifting under his Standard; for eve-  
 ry one knew and was persuaded, that he  
 was a Prince very liberal by Nature, and  
 full of Humanity towards his Soldiers; and  
 that if he failed in his Payments, it was  
 not owing to Avarice or Unwillingness,  
 but purely to Inability.

SUCH was the Number and Strength  
 of *Cæsar's* Army, composed of his own  
 Forces and those of the Allies, who also  
 contributed towards the Maintenance of  
 his Troops \*. But the Army which the  
*Venetians* had placed in *Padoua* was no  
 less

\* The *Venetian* Garrison in *Padoua* consisted of Four-  
 teen Thousand Foot, Six Hundred Men at Arms, Seven  
 Hundred Stradiotti, and Fifteen Hundred Archers with  
 Cross Bows on Horseback. Bembo.

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the Defence of that City. For there were  
within the Place Six Hundred Men at  
Arms, Fifteen Hundred light Horse, and  
One Thousand Stradiotti under famous  
and experienced Officers. Count *Piti-*  
*gliano* was Commander in chief, and had  
under him *Bernardino dal Montone*, *An-*  
*tonio de' Pii*, *Lucio Malvezzo*, *Giovanni*  
*Greco*, and many other subordinate Offi-  
cers; these were the Cavalry. The In-  
fantry consisted of Twelve Thousand  
Foot, of the best disciplined Soldiers in  
*Italy*, and were commanded by *Dionigi*  
*di Naldo*, *Zitolo da Perugia*, *Lattantio*  
*da Bergamo*, *Saccoccio da Spoleto*, and ma-  
ny other Leaders. There were also Ten  
Thousand Foot between *Sclavonians*,  
*Greeks*, and *Albanians*, taken out of the  
Galleys, of which though many were of  
no great Use, being unexpert in military  
Affairs, yet some of them proved of great  
Service. To all these must be added the  
*Venetian* Youth, with their Attendants,  
who, though hitherto rather conspicu-  
ous for their Nobility, and Love to their  
Country, yet their bravely exposing them-  
selves



selves to Dangers, and animating the  
 others by their own Example to do their  
 Duty, did not a little contribute to the  
 Defence of the Place. Besides the nu-  
 merous Garrison, the City was abundantly  
 furnished with all Sorts of necessary Pro-  
 visions and Stores, a very numerous Ar-  
 tillery, and vast Quantities of Victuals of  
 every Kind, the Peasants being as careful  
 to bring their Provisions into the Place for  
 their own Security and Subsistence, as the  
*Venetian* Commissaries were in providing  
 and giving Orders for continual Supplies.  
 The Multitude of hired Labourers and  
 Pioneers, who worked without ceasing,  
 was almost innumerable; so that the City,  
 which was very strong in the Number and  
 Resolution of the Defendants, was ren-  
 dered incomparably stronger by the new  
 Works and Fortifications made to the  
 outward Circuit of the Walls which sur-  
 rounded the whole City. For they had  
 raised the Waters that run about the  
 Walls of *Padoua* to a great Height  
 throughout the Ditch. and at every Gate  
 of the Town, and in other convenient  
 Places had erected a Number of Bastions  
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tions of  
*Padoua.*

*A. D.* 1509. without the Wall, but joining to it, and communicating with the Town; these Bastions were well furnished with Artillery, for playing on the Enemy if they should enter the Ditch. And that the Loss of the Bastions might not endanger the Town, they were all undermined throughout, and many Barrels of Gunpowder placed under them, for blowing them up when they could no longer be maintained. And because they would not entirely depend on the Strength and Thickness of the old Walls, though they had before carefully surveyed them, and where it was needful repaired them, and cut off all the Battlements, they erected on the Inside, quite round the City, a Palisade of Stakes, cut Trees, and other Pieces of Wood, distant from the Wall as much as its Thickness, and filled up the Space between them to the Height of the Wall, with Earth rammed and consolidated with the greatest Diligence. A prodigious Work, of incredible Fatigue, in which an infinite Number of Hands were employed! Yet all this not being sufficient to satisfy those who were appointed to  
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take care of the Works, for the Defence of the City, behind the Wall they had thus doubled in Thickness, they dug a deep Ditch, sixteen Braces wide, which narrowed at the Bottom, and had such a Number of Casemates within it, and small Redoubts furnished with Artillery, that it seemed impossible to be mastered; and those Works were all undermined like the Bastions, and might easily be blown up and ruined. And that they might be the better prepared for all Accidents, behind the Ditch they raised a Rampart of the same or a greater Breadth, and carried it quite round the Town, except at a few Places on which they knew it was impossible to plant any Cannon. Before this Rampart they erected a Parapet of seven Braces, which covered those who were appointed for the Defence of the Rampart from the Fire of the Enemy's Artillery. And that the Courage and Resolution of the Soldiers, and Inhabitants of the Place, might be suitable to the Greatness of the Provisions and Fortifications, Count *Pitigliano* called a general Assembly of them into the Square of

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*A. D.* *Sant Antonio*, where he exhorted them,  
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Care of their Safety, and of their Honour;  
and bound himself, with the rest of the  
General Officers, and the whole Army,  
and the *Padouans*, with a solemn Oath,  
faithfully to persevere in the Defence of  
the City till Death.

SUCH were the mighty Preparations  
on both Sides, when *Cæsar* sat down with  
his Army before the Walls of *Padoua*, his  
Camp extending from the Gate of *Portello* to that of *Ognisanti*, which leads to  
*Trevigi*, and afterwards enlarging itself  
to the Gate of *Codalunga*, by which  
you go to *Cittadella*, contained in Length  
Three Miles. He himself took up his  
Quarters in the Monastery of *Sant Helena*, a Quarter of a Mile distant from the  
Walls of the City, almost in the Middle  
of the *German* Infantry; and having  
assigned to every one his Post, according  
to their several Quarters and Nations, he  
began to plant his Cannon, which were  
very numerous, and some of them of an  
extravagant and almost stupendous Size.

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But because the whole Camp, and particularly the Places where he endeavoured to erect his Batteries, were much annoyed by the Cannon of the Besieged, he could not effect his Design without much Time and Difficulty. At length however, *Cæsar* himself, with invincible Resolution of Mind, and a Body capable of enduring all Fatigues, hurrying here and there both Night and Day, attending in Person to the Management of every important Affair, and continually stimulating the Workmen with the greatest Sollicitude to compleat the Batteries, the Cannon were almost all mounted on the fifth Day. On the same Day the *French*, and the *German* Foot, on that Quarter where *M. la Palisse* commanded, made an Attack on a Ravelin of the Gate, though more for an Experiment, than to carry on a regular Assault; but finding that the Besieged made a resolute Defence, they soon retired to their Quarters. The next Day the Artillery played briskly from all the Batteries, and by their enormous Size and the vast Quantity of Powder with which they were charged, the Rampart

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was penetrated, the Houses next to the Walls beat down, and very wide Breaches were made in many Parts of the Wall, and a Bastion erected at the Gate of *Ognisanti* was almost levelled to the Ground. The Besieged however betrayed not the least Sign of Fear, but annoyed the whole Army with their Cannon. And the Stradiotti, who undauntedly lodged in the Suburbs, and refused to retire to their Quarters in the City, and the light Horse made continual Excursions over the Country, and, sometimes beating up the Enemies Quarters before or behind, sometimes attacking their Convoys of Forage and Provisions, and scouring and ravaging all the Country, cut off all Communication with the Army by all the Roads, except by that which goes from *Padoua* to *Monte d' Abano*. And yet in the Enemy's Camp there was Plenty of Provisions, of which they had found the Houses and Fields were full, for neither the Fears of the Peasants, nor the Care and Sollicitude of the *Venetians*, nor the infinite Damages sustained from the Soldiers on every Side, were capable of exhausting the

the vast Abundance of that most delightful and fertile Country. During the Siege, A. D.  
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*Lucio Malvezzo* marched out of *Padoua* with a good Body of Horse, to convoy into the Place Forty Thousand Ducats sent from *Venice*; and tho' his Rear was attacked by the Enemy, he secured the Money, and brought it safe into the Town, tho' with the Loss of some of his Men at Arms.

ON the Ninth Day of the Siege the Artillery had done such Execution, and the Breaches were so wide, that it was thought unnecessary to continue firing from the Batteries, and the next Day the Troops were drawn up in order of Battle, with a Design to give a general Assault with the whole Army. But on receiving Information, that the Besieged had the same Night again raised the Waters in the Ditch, which before were fallen, *Cæsar* not willing to expose his Soldiers to most manifest Danger, they returned every Man to his Quarters. The next Day, the Waters being again fallen, an unsuccessful Assault was given to the Bastion

*A. D.* erected at the Point of the Gate of *Codalunga*. But *Cæsar*, resolving to use his utmost Efforts to make himself Master of that Post, directed all the Artillery from the *French* Quarters, which were between the Gates of *Ognisanti* and *Codalunga*, to play upon it; which having ruined Part of it, he ordered it to be attacked by the *German* and *Spanish* Infantry, accompanied by some Men at Arms on Foot. The Troops behaved very bravely, mounted the Bastion, and planted two of their Colours upon it. But such was the Strength of the Ditch, and the Valour of the Defendants, among whom *Zitolo da Perugia* signalized himself, and was much wounded, and such the Plenty of Instruments used by the Besieged for the Defence of the Place, as Showers of Stones, and Quantities of Wildfire, besides their Cannon and small Arms, that the Assailants were forced to quit the Bastion with Precipitation, having many of their Men killed and wounded \*. Wherefore  
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An Assault mis-  
carried.

\* *Zitolo da Perugia*, who was appointed to guard that Post, suffered the Enemy to mount the Bastion, and plant their

the Army, which was drawn up in order to storm the Walls as soon as the Bastion should be taken, which they expected, retired and laid aside their Arms, without attempting any thing.

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THE ill Success of this Attack made *Cæsar* despair of accomplishing his Enterprize, and therefore he resolved to decamp; and having sent away his Cannon to a Place of Security, on the Sixteenth Day, after he had opened the Trenches before *Padoua*, he retired with all his Army to the Town of *Limini* that lies towards *Trevigi*; from whence he went by slow Marches to *Vicenza*. Here he received the Oath of Fidelity from the *Vicentines*, and then disbanding almost his whole Army, he proceeded to *Verona* under great Disgrace for the ill Success of his Arms. He was highly blamed, not only in the Army, but all over *Italy*, for his ill concerted Measures, and no less for the Manner of executing what had been thus

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raised.

their Colours upon it, and then sallied upon them, and setting Fire to some Powder provided for that Purpose, made a terrible Slaughter with Fire and Sword. *Moc.*

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thus imprudently concerted. For it was not doubted but that the Failure of acquiring *Trevigi*, and the Loss of *Padoua*, were both owing to himself; and also that his Delays in appearing before *Padoua*, had greatly hindered the taking of that Place. For by that Means the *Venetians* had Time to provide that City with a strong Garrison, and vast Plenty of Provisions, and to make those surprizing Repairs and Fortifications. He did not deny but that the Lateness of his Coming was the Cause of that Miscarriage, but he endeavoured to remove the Fault from his own irresolute and disorderly Management, and throw the Blame upon others: Complaining of the Pope and of the King of *France*, that the first by granting Permission to the *Venetian* Ambassadors to come to *Rome*, and the other by delaying to send him the Assistance of his Troops, had given Occasion to believe that they were fallen off from him. Hence the Highlanders of the Mountains of *Vicenza* were encouraged to rebel against him, and he had spent many Days in subduing them; from the same Cause



Cause he had afterwards met with the like Difficulties in the Plains, that in <sup>A. D. 1509.</sup> order to extend himself, and to secure his Convoys of Provisions, and to free himself from many Difficulties and Molestations, he had been first obliged to take all the Towns in the Country. The late Coming of the *French* had not only injured him in this Respect, but if they had arrived in Season, the Rebellion of *Padoua* would not have happened. Encouraged by these Proceedings, and because the King of *France* and the King of *Aragon* had also laid up their Fleets, the *Venetians* laid aside all Fear, and were at liberty to fortify and supply *Padoua* as they thought fit. Besides all this, he complained also of the King of *Aragon*, who was pleased to see him in Difficulties, that he might be the sooner induced to give his Consent that the Government of the Kingdom of *Castile* should remain in his Hands. But his Complaints did him no Service, nor tended in the least to recover his lost Authority, the World being sensible that it was through his own Conduct he had not made a proper Use of such fair

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fair Opportunities. But though this was a general Censure which the Public passed upon him, his Miscarriage was very grateful however to the King of *France*; nor was the Pope displeased at it, for he was naturally jealous, and distrustful of every body, and considering with himself that *Maximilian* had always wanted Money, and was very importunate in demanding it, he could not see with Pleasure the Increase of his Power and Influence in *Italy*.

Agreement between  
*Cæsar* and the *Florentines*.

AT *Verona*, *Cæsar* received the Oath of Fidelity from the Inhabitants, and gave Audience to the *Florentine* Ambassadors, among whom was *Piero Guicciardini*, my Father. They entered into an Agreement with him in the Name of their Republic, which was induced, among other Reasons, by the Persuasions of the King of *France*, to pay him in a short Time Forty Thousand Ducats, in Consideration of which Obligation, they obtained of him, in most ample Form and Manner, the Privileges of a Confirmation of the Liberties, as well of the City  
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of *Florence*, as of the Dominion and Jurisdiction of the Towns and States in their Possession, with a Release from all Debts due in Times past \*. A. D.  
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CÆSAR having now taken a Resolution to return into *Germany*, in order, as he declared, to make Preparations for carrying on the War next Spring, sent for *Chaumont*, to confer with him about the present State of Affairs. He received that General at the Village of *Arsè* in the *Veronese*, and shewed him the Danger of the Recovery of *Cittadella* and *Bassano* by the *Venetians*, who being mightily flushed with their Success in the Defence of *Padoua*, were preparing to attack those important Places, the Reduction of which would probably be soon followed by that of *Monfelicce*, *Montagnana*, and *Este*. That besides the Preservation of these Towns, it

was

\* *Piero Guicciardini*, our Author's Father, was Ambassador for *Florence* to *Maximilian* when he lay before *Padoua*, and was afterwards sent with the same Character to Pope *Leo X*, to whom he made a very fine Oration in the Name of his Republic. That Government had also bestowed on him many honourable and important Posts, as they usually did on those of that illustrious Family. *Percaschi*.

*A. D.* was no less requisite to think of recovering <sup>1509.</sup> *Lignago*; and that, as he was unable, of himself alone, to make the necessary Provisions for these Purposes, he required the Assistance of the King, whose own Affairs would be endangered by neglecting to support him. As to these Demands of *Cæsar*, *Chaumont* could give no positive Answer, but promised to lay them before the King his Master, giving him Hopes that the Answer would be conformable to his Desire.

AFTER this Conference *Maximilian* set out for *Chiufa*, leaving the Marquis of *Brandenburg* Governor of *Verona*. Soon after *Palisse*, who with Five Hundred Lances had remained in the *Veronese*, representing to *Cæsar* the Difficulty of his Quarters, and many other Inconveniences, obtained of him, by his Importunities, a Dismission, and retired within the Borders of the Dutchy of *Milan*. For it was the King's Intention, that while his Troops remained unactive in Garrisons, they should be stationed in his own Dominions; but when the Service of *Maximilian* required

quired their Assistance, they should be ready to go upon any Enterprize on which he would please to employ them, particularly that of *Lignago*, which was desired, and mightily solicited by him. But that Undertaking was so long deferred by *Cæsar's* usual Incumbrances and Difficulties, that the great Rains coming on with the Season, rendered it impracticable for an Army to keep the Field in that Country, which by its low Situation is much overflowed with Water. *Maximilian* therefore, being reduced to these Straits, desired a Truce of the *Venetians* for some Months. But they taking Courage from his Distresses, and seeing him but coldly assisted by his Confederates, judged that a Suspension of Arms would not be for their Advantage.

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CÆSAR at last returned to *Trent*, leaving his Affairs in great Hazard, and the State of *Italy* in no small Suspense. For a new Quarrel had arisen between the Pope and the King of *France*, which, though it seemed to have but a slight Foundation, was suspected to proceed from some se-

Difference between the Pope and the French King.

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*A. D.*  
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casion, as far as it then appeared, was,  
that a Bishopric in *Provence* becoming  
vacant, by the Death of the Bishop who  
was at the Court of *Rome*, the Pope had  
disposed of it contrary to the Will of the  
King of *France*, who pretended that his  
Holiness had, in this Proceeding, acted  
contrary to the Capitulations made be-  
tween them by means of the Cardinal of  
*Pavia*, in which, though it was not ex-  
pressly mentioned, that the same Custom  
should be observed with respect to those  
Bishoprics that should become vacant in  
the Court of *Rome*, as to those that be-  
came vacant in other Places, yet the  
Cardinal had promised him as much in  
Words. This, the Cardinal said, was  
not true; perhaps rather out of Fear than  
for any other Reason. But the King af-  
firming that it was so, the Pope said, that  
he did not know what had been secret-  
ly treated of, but that having in his  
Ratification referred to what appeared in  
the Instrument, which expressly specified  
the Capitulation, Article after Article, in  
none of which the particular Case of  
Bishops

Bishops dying in the Court of *Rome*, was *A. D.* 1509. comprehended, he was not obliged any further. This Answer so provoked the King, that disregarding the Advice of the Cardinal of *Rouen*, 'who had always recommended a good Understanding with the Pope, he put under Sequestration the Profits of all the Benefices in the State of *Milan*, which were enjoyed by the Clergy that resided in the Court of *Rome*. The Pope, on the other hand, refused to make the Bishop of *Albi* a Cardinal, who was gone to *Rome* in expectation of that Dignity, according to the Promise made to the King. And tho' the Pope, suffering himself to be overcome by a Multitude of Intreaties, disposed at last of the Bishopric in *Provence* according to the King's Desire, and entered into a new Agreement with him, as to the Manner of Proceeding in the Case of Benefices that should for the future become vacant in the Court of *Rome*, in consequence of which, on one Side the Sequestration should be taken off, and on the other Part the Cardinal's Hat should be bestowed on the Bishop of *Albi*, yet this did not quiet the Mind of the Pope,

*A. D.* which was exasperated on many Accounts:  
*1509.* He was in particular much chagrined that having, in the Beginning of his Pontificate, granted to the Cardinal of *Rouen* the Legateship of the Kingdom of *France*, tho' much against his Inclination, as being detrimental to the Court of *Rome*, and prejudicial to his own Authority, he should be constrained, to his great Mortification, to continue the same, out of fear of displeasing the King of *France*. And therefore, persuading himself that this Cardinal bent all his Thoughts, and employed all his Art and Means for obtaining the Pontificate, he was jealous of the Progress, and alarmed at every Movement of the *French*.

THESE were the apparent Causes of the Pope's Resentment, but his future Conduct made it manifest that he had higher Ends in View. For either from a Thirst after Glory, or a secret Hatred against the King of *France*, or a Desire of restoring the *Genoese* to their Liberty, he most ardently longed to see the *French* dispossessed of all that they held in *Italy*, and was for ever com-

complaining in a disrespectful Manner of the King and the Cardinal, but in such a Manner as the World might think that his Dissatisfaction proceeded principally from Fear. Yet as he was by Nature of a resolute and invincible Spirit, the Disposition of his Mind frequently displayed itself in his outward Behaviour; for he had proposed to himself such Projects as were not only of vast Importance, but very difficult to be compassed; and at the same Time he had such an Opinion of his own Talents, and of the Reverence and Authority which he knew that the Apostolic See had obtained with Princes, that he scorned to act in Dependence or Conjunction. Thus declaring in Words, as well as Deeds, the slight Opinion he had conceived of every one, he neither communicated his Designs to *Maximilian*, nor entered into any private Correspondence with the Catholic King, but was reserved to all, shewing no Propensity to any but the *Venetians*, confirming himself more and more every Day in his Resolution to absolve them, because he thought it highly conducive to the Safety of *Italy*,

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Pope inclined to  
absolve  
the *Venetians*.

*A. D.* as well as to his own Security and Grandeur, not to suffer them to perish. Their Absolution was strenuously opposed by the Ambassadors of *Cæsar* and of the King of *France*, the Ambassadors of the King of *Aragon* concurring with them in Public, tho' the King their Master, being under Apprehensions for his Kingdom of *Naples*, which he thought in Danger from the Greatness of the King of *France*, and putting no Confidence in *Cæsar* on account of his Instability, privately solicited the Pope to absolve them.

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THE Ambassadors represented, that it was very improper for his Holiness to grant so signal a Favour to those whom he was bound to prosecute with his Arms, since by the League of *Cambray* each of the Confederates was bound to assist the others, till every one had acquired what was agreed on according to the Articles, *Cæsar*, then, not having got Possession of *Trevigi*, none of them was yet free from that Obligation. Besides, his Holiness might with Justice deny Absolution to the *Venetians*, because they had neither  
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voluntarily, nor within the Time appointed by the Monitory, made Restitution to the Church of the Towns in *Romagna*, and had not, even to this Day, yielded intire Obedience, because they were admonished to restore, besides the Towns, the Profits they had received, with which they had not complied.

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To this the Pope answered, that since the Offenders were brought to Repentance, and in the most humble Manner to demand Absolution, it was not the Duty of the Vicar of Christ to continue persecuting them with spiritual Arms, in prejudice to the Salvation of so many Souls: That the Towns were restored, and consequently the Cause for which the Censures were inflicted was ceased: That as to the Restitution of the Profits received, it was but an accessary Thing, and inserted more for an Aggravation of their Disobedience, than for any other Reason, and therefore to be disregarded when the principal Demand was granted: That there was indeed a different Cause for prosecuting them with his temporal Arms, and there-

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fore he had determined to adhere to the League of *Cambray*, and offered himself ready to concur with the others, though as to the Point of *Trevigi*, every one of the Confederates might justly disengage himself, because the King of the *Romans* had failed of acquiring that City purely by his own Fault, in refusing the first Offers, made him by the *Venetians*, by their Ambassador *Antonio Giustiniano*, to leave him all that they possessed on the *Terra firma*, and declining to accept the Proposals which have since been frequently made him of a proper Compensation in Exchange for that Town.

THUS, tho' the Remonstrances of the Ambassadors had no Effect in restraining the Pope from granting his Absolution to the *Venetians*, he was however retarded from giving it, purely by his Greatness of Spirit: For tho' he esteemed it beneficial to himself, and conducive to the End he had proposed, yet he was determined not to grant it but in a Manner becoming the high Dignity of the Apostolic See, and so as that the Rights of the Church might be

be entirely freed for the future from their Oppressions. The *Venetians* therefore refusing to give their Consent to two Conditions which, among many others, he had proposed to them, he deferred their Absolution. One of these Conditions was, that they should leave the Navigation of the *Adriatic* Sea free to the Subjects of the Church, which they had forbidden to all those who did not pay them certain Duties for the Goods they carried. The other was, that they should no longer keep in *Ferrara*, a City dependent on the Church, a Magistrate under the Title of *Bisdomino* \*.

THE *Venetians* alledged in their Behalf, that this Magistrate was introduced with the Consent of the *Ferrarese*, and without

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\* This Magistrate, called the *Bisdomino* or *Visdomino*, was introduced by the *Venetians* into *Ferrara* by the Peace they made with *Alberto Este*, who had made War with them in Defence of the young *Francesco Carrara*. *Giustin*. The *Venetians* assisting *Fresco* against *Francesco d'Este*, the *Ferrarese* and Cardinal *Palaguro*, and getting the upper Hand, made a Peace, upon Condition that they should constitute in *Ferrara* a Podestate, who was afterwards called the *Visdomino*; the first appointed was in the Year 1308. *Sabellicus*.

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Opposition from *Clement VI*, the Roman Pontiff, who at that Time resided with his Court in the City of *Avignon*: That the Dominion and Custody of the Gulph were granted to them, with very ample Privileges, by Pope *Alexander IV*, to which he was induced by considering that they had by their Arms and their Valour, and at a vast Expence, guarded that Sea, against the *Saracens* and Pirates, and rendered the Navigation of it safe to the Christians,

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To this it was replied, on the Part of the Pope, that the *Ferrarese* had it not in their Power to consent that a Magistrate should be kept, or Jurisdiction exercised in *Ferrara* by other Potentates, in prejudice of the Ecclesiastic Sovereignty: That the People of *Ferrara* had not given their Consent voluntarily, but compelled by a long and burdensome War; and, after soliciting in vain the Assistance of the Pope, whose Consent the *Venetians* despised, had accepted of Peace on such Conditions as those who prevailed against them, more by Arms than by Arguments, were

were pleased to prescribe. As to the Grant of *Alexander*, there did not appear, either in History or in any written Record, the least Trace of it; that its Credibility rested intirely on the Testimony of the *Venetians* themselves, which in their own Cause, and in so weighty a Matter, was justly to be suspected. And even if any Deed of such a Concession of *Alexander* should be extant, it was more probable that it was extorted from him (who, as they say, granted it in *Venice*) by Fear or Menaces, than that a *Roman* Pontiff, who was, above all others, concerned to patronise Justice, and to relieve the Oppressed, would pass a Grant of so imperious and domineering a Power, and so injurious to Mankind.

IN this State of Affairs, while the Princes were of different Minds, and the King of the *Romans* much decayed in Power and Reputation, the *Venetians* ordered their Army, under the Proveditor *Gritti*, to march to *Vicenza*, where they knew that the People had an Inclination to return under their Dominion. They

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*A. D.* 1509. approached the City in the Night, and, under the Fire of their Cannon, made themselves Masters of the Suburb of *Posterla*, with little Hopes of taking the Town, tho' there was but a small Garrison, when the Inhabitants, at the Instigation, as it was said, of *Fracassa*, sent out at Midnight some trusty Messengers, who introduced them into the City, the Prince of *Anhalt* and *Fracassa* retiring into the Castle. And it was the general Opinion, that if the *Venetian* Army had, upon taking Possession of *Vicenza*, marched directly to *Verona*, they might have had the same Success in retaking that City. But the Generals did not think fit to leave *Vicenza* before they had made themselves Masters of the Castle, which fell into their Hands four Days after; for the Prince of *Anhalt* and *Fracassa* abandoned the Place, finding it too weak to be defended. At the same time some fresh Recruits from *Cæsar*, and Three Hundred Lances under *Aubigni*, sent by the King of *France*, entered *Verona*; so that the Garrison now consisting of Five Hundred Lances, and Five Thousand *Spanish* and *German*

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German Infantry, the Place could not easily be taken. The *Venetian Army* A. D.  
1509. however approached that City, marching in two Divisions, in each of which were Three Hundred Men at Arms, Five Hundred light Horse, and Three Thousand Foot, in Hopes of some Commotion in the City on their first Appearance. But they not presenting themselves before the Walls at once with their whole Force, the Garrison made a Sally on the first Division which approached on the Side beyond the River *Adice*, and tho' they had entered the Suburb, obliged them to retire. But soon after *Lucio Malvezzo* coming to their Assistance with the second Division, from the other Side of the River, they drove back the Enemy into the Town; the whole Army being now joined, they removed, and encamped at the Village of *Martino*, Five Miles from *Verona*. While they lay here they received Advice, that Two Thousand German Foot had marched out of *Basciano* in order to ravage the Country about *Cittadella*; on which they put themselves in Motion, and inclosed the Enemy in the Valley of *Fidata*.  
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But the *Germans* receiving some Assistance from *Basciano*, forced their Way through the narrow Passes, tho' not without Loss. The *Venetians* afterwards took Possession of *Basciano*, which the *Germans* had abandoned; and from *Basciano* Part of their Army proceeded to *Feltro* and *Cividade*, and after recovering these Towns, pursued their March to *Rocca della Scala*, which they took soon after they had raised a Battery against it.

AT the same time *Antonio* and *Girolamo da Savorniano*, two Noblemen of *Friuli* who were of the *Venetian* Party, took *Castel Nuovo*, a Fortrefs situated on the Top of a rugged Mountain in the Middle of *Patria*, which is the Name given to that Part of *Friuli* that lies beyond the River *Tigliavento*. *Cæsar* was come to *Pietra*, all in a Hurry, and much disturbed at the Loss of *Vicenza*; but nothing further was heard of him, but flying Reports, and that he was in continual Motion from Place to Place, on some Exploit or other, but to little Effect.

THE *Venetian* Army, after taking *Rocca della Scala*, moved towards *Monfèlice* and *Montagnana*, in order to recover the *Polesine* of *Rovigo*, and to invade the *Ferrarese* at the same Time that their naval Armament entered it by the River *Po*. The Senate resolved on this Expedition contrary to the Advice of the more prudent Senators, who judged it too rash a Measure to involve themselves in new Enterprises\*. But what animated them to this Undertaking was not so much the present Benefit that might be expected from it, as their bitter Resentment of the Proceedings of the Duke of *Ferrara*. For tho' they could not justly complain of what he had done to free himself from the Yoke of the *Bisdomino*, and to recover the *Polesine*, yet they thought it intolerable that, not contented with what rightfully belonged to him, he had received

\* One of the Senators who opposed this Enterprize was *Angelo Trevisano* who commanded the Fleet: He represented to the Senate the great Risque that the Vessels must run in passing up the *Po*, both on account of the many Fortifications which the Duke had erected on the Banks, and because of the Shallowness of the Water. *Bembo*.



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 1509. the Siege of *Padoua*, the Castle of *Este*,  
*Venetians* from whence the Family of *Este* takes its  
 provoked Name and Origin; and had accepted in  
 at the Duke of Pledge, as Security for Moneys lent, the  
*Ferrara.* Castle of *Montagnana*, to which two  
 Places he pretended no Right. They  
 well remembered also that the Troops of  
 the Duke, in their Recovery of the Pole-  
 sine, incited by their extreme Malice to  
 the *Venetian* Name, had done excessive  
 Damages to the Effects of the Nobles,  
 extending their Rage and Savageness to  
 the very Houses, which they laid in  
 Ashes or Ruins. It was therefore resolved  
 that the Fleet, consisting of Seventeen  
 light Gallies, with an extraordinary  
 Number of smaller Barks, well manned  
 with able Men, under the Conduct of  
*Angelo Trevisano*, should set sail towards  
*Ferrara*. They entered the *Po* by the  
 Mouth of the *Fornaci*, and after burning  
*Corbola*, and other Villages near the *Po*,  
 ravaged and laid waste all the Country as  
 far as the *Lago Scurio*, from which Place  
 the light Horse that attended them by  
 Land scoured the Country home to *Fiche-  
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*ruolo*, which may be deemed a Palace rather than a Fortrefs, and is famous for the long Siege it sustained from *Roberto da San Severino*, the *Venetian* General, in the War against *Hercole*, Father of *Alfonso*. A. D:  
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THE Coming of this Fleet, and the Report that the Army was to approach by Land, startled the Duke of *Ferrara*, who had very few regular Troops, and the People of *Ferrara* were not sufficient, either in Number or the Use of Arms, to resist so great a Danger. The Succours which he expected from the Pope and the King of *France* were not yet arrived, till which Time he had no other Defence to make, than to plant as many Pieces of Cannon as he could furnish upon the Banks of the *Po*, and by their continual Firing prevent the Enemy from passing forwards. *Trevisano* then, having in vain attempted to pass, and finding he could make no further Progress without Assistance by Land, stationed his Fleet in the Middle of the *Po*, behind a little Island that lies over against the *Pulitella*, a Place Eleven Miles distant from *Ferrara*, and  
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*1509.* convenient for infesting and distressing that City. Here he lay in Expectation of the Army, which had made themselves Masters of the whole Polesine without any Difficulty, after they had first taken *Montagnana*, which surrendered upon Articles, by which the *Ferrarese* Magistrates and the Officers of the Garrison were to remain Prisoners. In the mean time *Trevisano*, the better to secure his Fleet in their Station till the Arrival of the Land Forces, set about erecting, with all possible Speed, two Redoubts on the Banks of the *Po*, one on the Side towards *Ferrara*, and the other on the opposite Bank, laying also over the Vessels a Bridge of Communication between the Fleet and the Redoubt erecting towards *Ferrara*. To prevent the Completion of this Redoubt, the Duke, with more Courage perhaps than Prudence, assembled as many as he could of the Youth of *Ferrara*, and of the Soldiers who continually flocked to list under him, and ordered them to make a sudden Attack upon it. But the Soldiers in the Redoubt, being reinforced from the Fleet, sallied out to engage,

engage, and began to put them to Flight ; A. D. 1509.  
 and though the Duke arriving in Person with a good Number of Horse, revived the Courage and remedied the Disorder of his Troops, which were for the most part raw and undisciplined, yet so vigorous was the Attack of the Enemy, who were also favoured by the Place, and made such Execution with the Fire of a Multitude of small Artillery, that he was forced to retreat, leaving many of his Men killed or taken, and not such a Number of the baser and ruder Sort, as of his bravest Soldiers, and of the *Ferrarese* Nobility ; among whom was *Hercole Cantelmo*, a young Nobleman of vast Hopes, whose Ancestors had been in Possession of the Dutchy of *Sora* in the Kingdom of *Naples*. This unfortunate Youth was led Prisoner by some *Sclavonian* Soldiers aboard a Galley, and a Quarrel arising among them on disputing whose Prisoner he was, one of them, in a most savage and unparallelled Manner, struck off his Head. Upon this Defeat, the City of *Ferrara* being apprehended to be in Danger, *Chaumont* sent thither *Chatillon* with One Hundred

Duke of  
*Ferrara*  
 routed.

*A. D.* and Fifty *French* Lances; and the Pope, <sup>1509:</sup> irritated against the *Venetians* for attacking the *Ferrarese*, without any Regard to the Superiority which the Church claims over that Territory, ordered Two Hundred Men at Arms, which he had in the Service of *Cæsar*, to hasten to the Defence of *Ferrara*. But these Succours would perhaps have come too late, if the *Venetians* had not been constrained to turn their Thoughts on providing for their own Defence.

THE King of *France*, as we before observed, was not displeased to see *Maximilian* involved in Difficulties, partly from a Dread, which he had always entertained, of that Prince's Prosperity, and partly out of a Desire to render himself Sovereign of the City of *Verona*, of which he was in hopes that *Maximilian*, enforced by his Necessities, would, at one Time or other, grant him the Possession, either by Purchase or Pledge. But, on the other hand, he could by no means endure to see the *Venetians* rising to their antient Grandeur, from which he foresaw nothing but

but Trouble and continual Danger to his own Affairs. The Preparations therefore <sup>A. D. 1509.</sup> which *Cæsar* had made in *Verona*, being utterly insufficient for want of Money, the King was under a Necessity to procure some other Supplies, besides the Men at Arms that had entered that City, to prevent it from falling into the Hands of the *Venetians*. This Measure was first put in Execution by *Chaumont*, who, after the Loss of *Vicenza*, had advanced to the Frontiers of the *Veronese*, where being informed that Two Thousand *Spanish* Infantry in *Verona* were beginning to mutiny for want of Pay, he lifted them into the Service of the King his Master, and ordered thither another Body of Foot for the Security of the Place. In hiring the *Spaniards*, he followed the Counsel of *Trivulzio*, who, when *Chaumont* doubted whether the King would be displeased at such an additional Expence, answered, that it was much better the King should reproach him for spending his Money, than with losing or endangering his State. Besides this, he lent *Cæsar* Eight Thousand Ducats to pay the Garrison of *Verona*,



*A. D.* 1509. and for Security of this and some other Sums, which he was to lay out for his Benefit in Time to come, he got *Valeggio* mortgaged to his Master. This Place is one of the Passes of the River *Mincio*, so that he who is Master of this Town and of *Peschiera* has the Command of that River, and being but six Miles distant from *Brescia*, is a Security to that City, which made it highly valued by the King.

THE Coming of *Chaumont*, followed by the greater Part of the Lances quartered in the Dutchy of *Milan*, the Reinforcement of the Garrison of *Verona*, and the spreading of a Report that Preparations were making for the Siege of *Vicenza*, had occasioned the *Venetian* Army, after leaving Four Hundred light Horse, and as many Foot, for the Defence of the *Polesine*, and for the Safeguard of their Fleet, to depart out of the *Ferrarese*, and to distribute themselves into *Lignago*, *Soave*, and *Vicenza*. And the Senate, being very desirous of securing *Vicenza* and the circumjacent Country from being  
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insulted by the Garrison of *Verona*, they fortified that Territory with a wide Ditch, full of Water, which they covered by a Rampart, on which were erected, at proper Distances, a Multitude of Redoubts; a Work worthy of great Admiration. This Ditch beginning at the Foot of the Mountain that is above *Soave*, extended itself thro' the Plain that leads from *Lonigo* \* to *Monforte*, for the Space of five Miles, and ends at a Marsh contiguous to the River *Adice*. They fortified also *Soave* and *Lonigo*, and by their keeping themselves on their Guard, secured the whole Country, at least for the Winter.

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THE Departure of the *Venetian* Army gave some Relief, but did not wholly free *Ferrara* from Danger. For though the City was delivered from the Fear of being taken by Force, there was Cause to apprehend that the People, by their continual Losses and Sufferings, would be reduced to extreme Poverty, or abandon themselves

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\* The *Italian* Copies have it *Rovigo*, which is an Error of the Press, for *Rovigo* is at a vast Distance from *Soave*.

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 1509. aboard the Fleet, with those that accom-  
 panied them, made Excursions every Day  
 to the very Gates of *Ferrara*; and ano-  
 ther Fleet of the *Venetians* had attacked  
 the Duke's Dominion on another Quarter,  
 and taken *Comacchio*. At this Juncture  
 arrived the Troops of the Pope and of  
 the King of *France*, which encouraged  
 the Duke, who, since the Loss received  
 at the Attack of the Redoubt, had taken  
 care to keep his Troops strongly entrench-  
 ed under the Cannon of *Ferrara*, from  
 thence to make frequent Excursions with  
 his Horse in Sight of the Enemy, with  
 a Design to draw them to a Battle; but  
 they, expecting the Return of their Army,  
 avoided an Engagement. It happened  
 one Day that the Cardinal *d'Este* having  
 led up a Body of Horse very near the  
 Redoubt, and being on his Return, a  
 Cannon Ball from one of the Enemy's  
 Vessels, took off the Head of Count  
*Lodovico della Mirandola*, one of the  
 Generals of the Church, no Person be-  
 sides, in so great a Multitude, receiving the  
 least Hurt by this or any other Shot. At  
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last, the perfect Knowledge of the Country, and the Nature and Conveniency of the River, suggested and facilitated an Expedient, which in the Beginning had appeared difficult and dangerous. For the Duke and the Cardinal entertaining Hopes of shattering and destroying the Enemy's Fleet with their Artillery, provided they could but convey it with Safety to the Bank of the River, the Cardinal, with Part of the Troops, returned to attack the Redoubt, and having repulsed and killed some of the Enemy, who had sallied forth, he made himself Master of, and fortified the Bank near the Redoubt, and in the Beginning of the Night he brought down his Cannon without being perceived by the Enemy, and planted it in great Silence along the Bank, opposite to the Enemy's Fleet. When it began to play it did horrible Execution, and tho' all the Vessels immediately put themselves in Motion to get away, yet the Bank being planted for a good Length with a Multitude of heavy Pieces of Artillery, managed by skilful Hands, and commanding at a great Distance, the Enemy only shifted the Place

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*A. D.* of Danger, but could not avoid it ; the  
 1509. Duke himself, who was very skilful in  
 the Casting as well as Management of  
 Artillery, came in Person, and exerted  
 himself in a very extraordinary Manner.  
 The *Venetians* ceased not to fire from  
 their Vessels with great and small Shot,  
 but to no Purpose, for those on the Side  
 of the River were covered by the Rising  
 of the Bank \*. But such was the Vio-  
 lence of the Shot from the Duke's heavy  
 Pieces of Cannon, that the whole Fleet  
 was shattered, torn, and lost, by various  
 and terrible Misfortunes. For some of  
 the Commanders, finding themselves un-  
 able to stand the Fire, surrendered ; some  
 Vessels were set on Fire by the Shot, and  
 miserably burnt, with all that were on  
 board, and others sunk, lest they should  
 fall into the Hands of the Enemy. The  
 Admiral, soon after the Beginning of the  
 Action, put himself into a Skiff, and  
 saved himself by Flight. His Galley, af-  
 ter making her Way off for Three Miles,

*Venetian  
 Fleet de-  
 stroyed by  
 the Duke  
 of Ferrara.*

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\* *Giovio* says that the Cardinal, with great Skill and Contrivance, caused Holes to be made in the Bank of the River, which were level with the Water, at which he placed the Mouths of his Cannon,



continually firing, defending herself, and providing against the Strokes she received, was at last shot through in so many Places that she went to the Bottom. Whilst nothing was to be seen but Blood, Fire, and dead Bodies, Fifteen Gallies fell into the Duke's Hands, besides some large Vessels, Shallops, and Brigantines, and of smaller Craft almost an infinite Number. The Dead, that were killed by the Shot, or burnt, or drowned, amounted to Two Thousand; Sixty Colours were taken, but not the principal Flag, which was carried off by the Commander. Many fled by Land, and Part of them were picked up by the *Venetian* light Horse, and saved, others were pursued and taken by the Enemy, and some fell into the Hands of the Peasants, and were very ill treated by them. The Vessels that were taken were brought up to *Ferrara*, where they remained many Years as a Monument of the Victory, till *Alfonso*, desirous to gratify the *Venetian* Senate, ordered them to be restored. The Fleet being thus ruined and destroyed, the Duke immediately sent Three Hundred Horse and

Five

*A. D.* 1509. Five Hundred Foot to do the like Execution upon the Fleet that had taken *Comacchio*. These Troops having recovered *Loreto*, which had been fortified by the *Venetians*, it is probable, would have had the like Success, and destroyed those Ships, had not the Admiral, apprised of the Danger, retired to *Bebbie*.

SUCH was the End of the Expedition against *Ferrara*, which lasted a Month, and in which the Event, oftentimes the best Rule for forming our Judgment of Actions, plainly shewed how much better it had been to hearken to the Counsel of a few, who advised the Senate to omit all other Enterprises, to reserve their Money for a fairer Opportunity, and to attend only to the Preservation of *Padoua*, *Trevigi*, and those other Places which they had recovered, than to those who, more in Number, but inferior in Prudence, and incited by Enmity and Resentment, were ready to involve themselves in an Undertaking, which begun with Temerity, and ended with a vast  
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Expençe, and no small Disgrace and Detriment to the Public.

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BUT on the Side of *Padoua* the Affairs of the *Venetians* were rather prosperous than otherwise. For *Cæsar* presenting himself in the *Vicentine*, at the Head of Four Thousand Foot, a Part of the *Venetian* Army, not very considerable, assisted by the Peasants, took, almost in his Sight, the Pass of *Scala*, and after that *Cocolo*, and *Basciano*, which is a Place of Importance for preventing the Descent of the *Germans* into *Italy*. *Maximilian* complaining, that by the Departure of *Palisse* many Disorders had happened, set out for *Bolzano* in his Way to *Innsbruck*, to be present at the Diet which he had ordered to be held at that Place. His Example was followed by *Chaumont*, who laid aside his Design upon *Vicenza* and *Lignago*, considering that those Places were well provided, and the Season of the Year too far advanced, and retired to *Milan*, leaving good Garrisons in *Brescia*, *Peschiera*, and *Valeggio*. He left also in *Verona*, for the Defence of that City, because

*A. D.* 1509. } cause *Cæsar* himself had not the Means to defend it, Six Hundred Lances, and Four Thousand Foot. These Troops were separated from *Cæsar*'s, and had their Quarters in the Suburb of *San Zeno*, having for their greater Security the Possession of the Citadel.

Descrip-  
tion of  
*Verona.*

VERONA is an antient and noble City, divided into two Parts by the *Adice*, a very large and deep River, which rises in the Mountains of *Germany*, and as soon as it descends into the Plains, turns to the Left, and, after washing the Foot of the Mountains, enters *Verona*, and as soon as it leaves the Town it turns off from the Mountains, and takes its Course through a very fine and fertile Plain. That Part of the City which is seated mostly on a Declivity, lies towards *Germany*; the rest, which is wholly situated in a Plain, lies towards *Mantoua*. On a Hill, by the Gate of *San Giorgio*, stands the Castle of *San Piero*; and at two Bow-shots higher, on the Top of the Hill, is the Castle of *San Felice*. The chief Strength of these Castles lies in their Situation.

tuation, for if they should be taken, they overlook and command the Place in such a Manner that *Verona* would be in great Danger. They were garrisoned by *Germans*; but in the Part of the City which is separated from this by the River, stands the old Castle, that lies in the Way to *Peschiera*; it is seated almost in the Center of the City, and has a Bridge over the River. At three Bowshots Distance from this Castle, towards *Vicenza*, stands the Citadel, which is joined to the Castle by the Walls of the City on the Outside, making a Semicircle. But on the Inside they are joined by a Wall erected between two vast Fosses; the Space between the two Walls is called the Suburb of *San Zeno*, which with the Citadel was appointed for quartering the *French*.

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WHILE the military Operation seemed as it were at a Stand, *Maximilian* was continually treating about making a Truce with the *Venetians*, the Pope interesting himself very heartily in the Affair, by his Nuncio *Achille de' Grassi*,  
Bishop



*A. D.* Bishop of *Pesaro*. For this Purpose was  
1509. held, at the *Spedaletto* near *Scala*, a Conference between the Ambassadors of *Maximilian* and the *Venetian* Ambassadors, *Giovanni Cornaro* and *Luigi Mocenigo*. But *Cæsar* insisted on such high Demands, that the Treaty came to nothing; to the great Mortification of the Pontiff, who was desirous to have the *Venetians* delivered from all their Distresses. And since there was no Ground of Contention between the Pope and them, he had prevailed with them to restore to the Duke of *Ferrara* the Town of *Comacchio*, which they had taken and burnt, and to promise him that they would no more molest the Duke's Dominions. His Holiness now took the Duke under his particular Protection, in hopes that, in Gratitude for the Benefits which he had received, and might expect to receive, he should oblige him to depend more on himself than on the King of *France*, against whom he was continually employing his Thoughts, in laying a Foundation for the Execution of some Project of vast Importance. With this View he had privately dispatched a  
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trusty Person to the King of *England*, and entered into a Treaty with the *Swiss*, who at that Time begun to have some Disputes with the King of *France*; and therefore when the Bishop of *Sion*, called by the *Latin* Writers *Episcopus Sedunensis*, who was an Enemy to the King, and on that account expected to be made a Cardinal, waited on his Holiness, he met with a very chearful Reception: A. D.  
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AT the End of this Year was an Agreement concluded between the King of the *Romans* and his Catholic Majesty, who were at Variance about the Government of the Kingdom of *Castile*. This Agreement, which had been long negotiating in the Court of *France*, where it met with many Difficulties, was, for want of Prudence in the Cardinal of *Rouen*, who did not consider that the Friendship between these two Princes might be very prejudicial to his Master's Interest, brought to Perfection. He might imagine perhaps that the making himself the Author of this Reconciliation, might help to pave the Way for his Advancement to the Pontificate,

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cate, and therefore used his utmost Pains and Diligence to accomplish it; by which, together with his Authority, he disposed *Maximilian* to consent that the Catholic King, whilst he remained without male Issue, should be Governor of *Castile* till *Charles*, their common Grandson, should be Five and Twenty Years of Age; that *Charles* should not assume the Title of King while his Mother was living, who had the Title of Queen, because in *Castile* the Females are not excluded by the Males. The Catholic King was to pay *Cæsar* Fifty Thousand Ducats, and to assist him, according to the Treaty of *Cambray*, till he was in Possession of all that belonged to him, and was to allow *Charles* a yearly Pension of Forty Thousand Ducats. By this Convention the King of *Aragon* was established in the Government of the Kingdom of *Castile*, and found means of acquiring the Confidence of *Cæsar*, by the Removal of all Occasions of Contention, and by their mutual Attachment to the Interest of their common Grandson; which enabled him with the greater Spirit to attend to the Prevention

tion of the Greatness of the King of *France*, of which he had been always jealous, on account of his Pretensions to the Kingdom of *Naples*. A. D.  
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THE Pope at this Time had entertained also a Suspicion that the Prothonotary of the *Bentivogli*, who was at *Cremona*, was treating about finding means for returning secretly into *Bologna*. On this Surmise he caused *Giuliano de' Medici* to be arrested by some trusty Persons, and confined in the Palace of *Bologna*. And ascribing every Disturbance he received to the ill Will of the King of *France*, he pretended to be under Apprehensions that he designed to pass into *Italy*, with a View to depose him, and, by a forced Election, place the Cardinal of *Rouen* in the Papal Chair. And yet at the same time he could not forbear to speak in a detracting and disrespectful Manner of *Cæsar*, and in Terms injurious to his Honour, as if he were a Person unqualified for so high a Dignity, and by his Incapacity had brought the Name of the Empire into Contempt.

*A D.* AT the End of this Year died Count  
*1509.* *Pitigliano*, Captain General of the *Vene-*  
 tians, in a far advanced Age, and of long  
 Experience in military Affairs. The *Ve-*  
*netians* reposed an entire Confidence in his  
 Fidelity, and were never afraid that he  
 would endanger their Dominions by a rash  
 or precipitate Measure \*.

IN this perplexed and uncertain State  
 of Affairs we are now entering on the  
 Year 1510, in the Beginning of which  
 the Operations of War, on account of  
 the Season, proceeded but coldly. The  
*Venetian* Army, which had their Quarters  
 at *San Bonifacio* in the *Veronese*, kept  
*Verona* in a manner blockaded. One Day  
*Carlo Baglione*, *Federigo da Bozzolo*, and  
 Sa-

\* The Count died at *Lonigo*, a Castle in the *Vicentine*, of a slow Fever, which reduced him to Extremities. But before his Death he sent for the Proveditors and Generals of the Army. and recommended to them in the strongest Terms, the *Venetian* Republic, in which subsisted, as he assured them, the whole Ornament of the *Italian* Military. His Body was carried to *Venice*, and honourably interred in the Church of *San Giovanni and Paolo* in a beautiful Sepulchre, over which the Senate ordered to be erected his Statue on Horseback. *Bembo* and *Giustiniano*.



*Sacromoro Visconte*, sallying out of that City to reconnoitre the Enemy, were attacked by the *Stradiotti*, who routed them, and took *Carlo* and *Sacromoro*, but *Federigo* saved himself by help of the *French*, who sallied out of *Verona* to their Assistance. Not long after the *Stradiotti* routed another Squadron of *French* Horse, and took Prisoner, among others, the *Sieur de Clefi*. On the other Side, Two Hundred *French* Lances, with Three Thousand Foot, came out of *Verona*, and took by Storm a Redoubt near *Soave*, garrisoned by Six Hundred Foot; and in their Return broke and put to Flight a great Multitude of Peasants.

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BUT in the Midst of this Coldness and Remissness of the military Operations, Affairs of the greatest Moment employed the Thoughts of the Royal Sovereigns, and especially those of the King of the *Romans*, who, being utterly at a Loss how to carry on the War against the *Venetians* with any Prospect of Success, and referring his Affairs, as usual, from Diet to Diet, had now called a Diet at *Ausburg*.

Affairs of  
*Maximilian*.

*A. D.* 1510. He was displeased also with the Pope, because the Electors of the Empire, induced by the Authority of his Holiness, insisted on treating in the Diet of a Peace with the *Venetians*, before they deliberated on making Provisions for a War. To shew his Resentment therefore, he dismissed the Bishop of *Pesaro*, the Pope's Nuncio, from *Ausburg*. He then considered with himself that the Resolutions of Diets were uncertain, tedious, and attended with many Difficulties, and that generally the End of one Diet gave Occasion for the Beginning of another \*. The King of *France*, he found, was continually excusing himself from answering his Demands, or going on those Enterprises which were proposed to him, sometimes alledging the Severity of the Season, sometimes demanding a sure Assignment for Security of his Expences; and then would also put him in Mind that the Pope and the King of *Aragon* were, by the Articles of *Cambray*, under the same Obligations to assist

\* To consider further of the most material Points proposed in the former; which was indeed a very tedious and uncertain Method of Proceeding.

assist him as himself ; and that, as he was engaged in common Confederacy and Obligations with these Princes, it was fit that they should proceed with one common Consent.

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MAXIMILIAN, after all, could not think of a better Remedy for his disordered Affairs than to persuade the King of *France* to undertake the Conquests of *Padoua*, *Vicenza*, and *Trevigi* with *French* Forces, on receiving a suitable Recompence. This Proposal was approved by many of the King's Council, who considering that, till the *Venetians* were totally excluded from the *Terra firma*, his Majesty must be at a vast Expence for preserving his Dominions, advised him now, once for all, to lay out his Money freely, and spare no Cost to free himself from all future Apprehensions. The King was not wholly averse to this Counsel for the same Reason, and therefore was inclined to pass into *Italy* with a potent Army ; he called it *potent*, whenever it consisted of more than Sixteen Hundred Lances, with his standing Troops, and

*A. D.* 1510. *Gentlemen.* He was however induced by different Reasons to form other Sentiments, and stood much in Suspense, not knowing which Way to resolve. And he was in a greater Perplexity than usual, because the Cardinal of *Rouen*, who bore a mighty Sway, and was of a great Spirit, labouring under a tedious and troublesome Distemper, could not attend on public Business, which used to be under his sole Direction. What restrained the King, besides his natural Aversion to Profuseness, was a passionate Desire to become Master of *Verona*; for which End he thought it most advisable that *Maximilian* should be kept constantly employed, and involved in such Difficulties as to require his Aid, as he had done lately, when not being able to pay his *German* Troops in Garrison at *Verona*, on Application, he had lent him Eighteen Thousand Ducats, and engaged to make it up Fifty Thousand, on Condition that for his Security he should not only keep the Citadel of *Verona*, but should have *Castel Vecchio* consigned to him, with the Gate of the City next to it, for the Benefit of free Ingress and Egress; and

King of  
*France*  
covets  
*Verona.*

and if the Money were not repaid within A. D. 1510.  
 One Year, the King was to remain in perpetual Possession of *Valeggio*, with Leave to fortify that Town and the Citadel at *Cæsar's* Expence.

THE King was perplexed in Mind on these Accounts, but he was much more disturbed with the Apprehensions of totally losing the Favour of the Pope, if he should lead or send a new Army into *Italy*. For the Pontiff, possessed with Jealousy, was very loth that the King of *France* should become Lord of *Verona*, and, besides continuing in his Disposition to absolve the *Venetians* from his Censures, he endeavoured, by all Means, to contract an Alliance with the *Swiss*, and with this View had sent back the Bishop of *Sion* to his Country, with Money for that Nation, and the Promise of a Cardinal's Hat for himself. He laboured also, with the utmost Diligence, to alienate the Affections of the King of *England* from the King of *France*. The former of these two Princes, tho' charged by his Father, when at the Point of Death, for his own Quiet

King of  
*France*  
 embarrassed.



*A. D.*  
*1510.* and Security, to continue in Friendship with the Kingdom of *France*, for which the *French* paid him the yearly Sum of Fifty Thousand Ducats, yet incited, by the Heat of Youth, and the vast Treasure left him by his Father, seemed to be more influenced by the Counsels of those who, induced by a Desire of Innovations, and by the general inveterate Enmity of the *English* Nation to the Name of the *French*, were for hurrying their King into a War, than by the prudent Advice and Example of his Father, who was never embroiled with the *French*, and tho' he had been made King of a new and very unsettled Kingdom, yet held the Reins of Government with all due Obedience from his Subjects, and perfect Tranquillity to himself. These Considerations created great Uneasiness in the King of *France*, who was removed to *Lions*, that he might be nearer at hand to attend to the Affairs of *Italy*; but he was apprehensive that his Passage into that Country would give Occasion to the Pope, who had openly detested his coming, to raise new Broils and Disturbances. He was also dissuaded from

from this Expedition by the King of *Aragon*, in which he pretended to act only the Part of a Friend, and a Lover of the public Tranquillity. A. D.  
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UNDER these Embarrassments and Doubts, which presented themselves from every Quarter, *Lewis* found at last that the best and surest Advice he could take, was to use all his Interest and Application for softening the Spirit of the Pontiff, so far at least as to be assured of not having him for an Opposer or Enemy. For accomplishing this End, there seemed to offer a favourable Opportunity, for it was believed that the Death of the Cardinal of *Rouen*, whose Disorder was so great that he was not expected to live, would be the Means of removing that Jealousy which was generally believed to be the principal Cause of those Alterations in the Pope. And because the King was informed that the Cardinal of *Aus*, Nephew of *Rouen*, and those other Agents who had the Management of his Affairs in the Court of *Rome*, rashly and inconsiderately, both in their Words and Actions, made it their

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*France*  
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Business to exasperate instead of mollifying, as it was necessary, the Spirit of the Pontiff, he would no longer employ them, but sent post to *Rome Alberto Pio*, Count of *Carpi*, a Person of great Spirit and Dexterity. He was entrusted with a very ample Commission, and was not only to offer his Holiness the Forces and Authority of the King on all Occasions, and in what manner he pleased, and to behave himself towards him with all that Respect and Regard which were most agreeable to his Nature and Inclination, but also sincerely to communicate the whole Substance of what the King had treated with *Maximilian*, with that Prince's Requests; and also to refer to the final Determination of his Holiness, whether he should pass into *Italy* or not, and whether he should be ready or remiss in sending Assistance to *Cæsar*. He had also in Charge to oppose the Absolution of the *Venetians*, but that was a Point already determined, and promised by the Pope before the Ambassador's Arrival.

THE *Venetians*, after a Dispute of many  
Months,

Months, between their Ambassadors and the Pope's Commissioners, consented to <sup>A. D. 1510.</sup> the Conditions at which they had boggled, because they saw no other Remedy for their Security than to comply with them.

On the 24th of *February* the Conditions on which the Absolution was to be granted were read in a Consistory, in the Presence of the *Venetian* Ambassadors, who confirmed them with an Instrument, by an authentic Order of their Republic.

They were in Substance as follows: The *Venetians* shall not confer, or in any Manner whatsoever grant Benefices or Ecclesiastical Dignities, nor oppose or make any Difficulties about receiving those Provisions made concerning them which come from the Court of *Rome*: That they should not obstruct the Tryal of Causes relating to Benefices, or of any Matters ap-  
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pertaining to the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction in the aforesaid Court: That they should not charge with Tythes, or any kind of Imposition, the Goods of the Church, or of Places exempt from the temporal Dominion: That they should withdraw the Appeal which they had interposed from  
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the Monitory, and all their Rights, howsoever acquired, to the Towns of the Church, particularly the Right which they pretended to have of keeping a Bisdmino in *Ferrara*: That the Subjects of the Church, and their Shipping, shall have free Navigation in the Gulf, and with such ample Privileges, that the Merchandise of other Nations in their Bottoms shall not be searched, nor declared liable to pay any Duties or Customs: That they shall not in any manner intermeddle with the Affairs of *Ferrara*, or of any Town of that State depending on the Church: That all Covenants made with any Subject or Vassal of the Church in prejudice of the Ecclesiastical Rights shall be disannulled: That they shall give no Reception to any Dukes, Barons, or other Subjects or Vassals of the Church, who shall be Rebels or Enemies to the Apostolic See: That they shall restore all the Sums levied upon the Effects of Ecclesiastics, and indemnify the Church for all the Losses it had sustained by their Means.

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THESE Obligations, with the Promises and Renunciations required, being received in the Consistory, the *Venetian* Ambassadors on the Day appointed, according to antient Precedents, repaired to the Porch of *Saint Peter's* Church, where prostrating themselves at the Feet of the Pontiff, who sat in the Pontifical Chair near the Brazen Gates, the whole Body of Cardinals and a great Number of Prelates assisting, they humbly asked Pardon, confessing their Obstinacy and the Faults they had committed. After this certain Prayers being read, and the accustomed Ceremonies solemnly performed, the Pope received them into Favour, gave them his Absolution, and enjoined them for Penance to visit the Seven Churches. Having thus obtained Absolution they entered the Church of *St. Peter*, being introduced by the chief Penitentiary. From hence they were honourably accompanied, not as Persons any longer excommunicated, or interdicted, but as good Christians, and devout Sons of the Apostolic See, by a Number of the Prelates and Courtiers, to their respective

*A.D.* 1510. } respective Habitations. The Ambassadors after their Absolution returned to *Venice*, leaving only at *Rome* *Girolamo Donato*, one of their Number, a Person of excellent Learning, who by his extraordinary Parts and Dexterity greatly ingratiated himself with the Pope, and did signal Service to his Country in future Negotiations with his Holiness \*.

\* It being customary for the Pope, when he restores his Blessing to any Prince or Republic, to give it with Rods on the Shoulders of their Ambassadors on the Stair-case of the Vatican, *Julius*, in Honour to the *Venetians*, changed that Penance into an Order for visiting the Seven Churches. *Buonac.*

*Giovio* writes, that *Julius* settled first with the *Venetian* Ambassadors that the Senate should depute Six of their most conspicuous Noblemen to implore Absolution publickly, and in a penitent Manner, in the Portico of *St. Peter's* Church.

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